

**Question for written answer E-002693/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Will small modular reactors benefit our overseas territories?

By 2030, small modular reactors (SMRs) are expected to be cheaper than conventional reactors. Their components could be mass-produced in factories before being assembled on site.

Crucially, they would have a power output of around 300 megawatt (MWe), and the Commission has demonstrated support for their development in Europe.

These reactors could be an innovative solution to help our island territories in metropolitan France (Corsica) and our overseas territories, such as the French Antilles, French Guiana, Réunion, New Caledonia and even Tahiti.

These territories would finally have access to abundant, decarbonised and, above all, cheaper energy after having had to pay persistently high energy prices. They could also be used in seawater desalination plants and in hydrogen production.

1. Will the Commission finance the manufacture and installation of SMRs in our outermost and island territories?
2. Will EU companies building these small reactors be promoted to ensure that this market is not left in the hands of US and Chinese companies alone?
3. Has France notified the Commission of its plan to build SMRs in its overseas territories?

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