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**Subject:** Rising flight prices in southern regions of the EU and territorial cohesion policy

The increasing cost of flying to southern regions of the EU is having repercussions for EU citizens living far from their places of origin. Addressing this issue is crucial in order to maintain the principles of territorial cohesion and to ensure that all EU citizens, regardless of their location, have equal opportunities to access their places of origin and their cultural heritage.

In the light of the above:

1. How does the Commission view the rise in flight prices in the southern regions of the EU and how could it help ensure that air transport remains affordable and sustainable for all EU citizens, especially those in remote areas?
2. How does it view this situation from the perspective of the objectives of the EU's territorial cohesion policy to promote balanced economic and social development and better connections with peripheral and less developed areas?
3. Are there any existing or planned measures to encourage competitive pricing in the aviation sector and promote fairer travel opportunities in the EU?

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