Question for written answer P-001152/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Marc Joulaud (PPE)

Subject: Support for regions affected by Brexit

On 13 February 2019, the European Parliament lent its support to the inclusion of the following wording in the Common Provisions Regulation: 'Within the context of the UK's withdrawal from the Union, several regions and Member States will be more exposed to the consequences of this withdrawal than the others, due to their geography, nature and/or the extent of their trading links. It is therefore important to identify practical solutions that also offer cohesion policy support to address the challenges [...]'.

If no deal is reached with the UK – and even if there is a deal – many regions and sectors such as fisheries, agri-food, tourism and port activities will be particularly hard hit, especially in the territories that will become the EU's external borders.

- (1) Despite the uncertainty surrounding the nature of the future relationship with the UK, what measures does the Commission intend to take in addition to the emergency measures already planned to provide financial support to the European territories and sectors which have been affected?
- (2) Does the Commission plan to set up a specific fund to support the regions at the front line of Brexit, as called for by many local and regional elected representatives?

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