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to the Commission**
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Subject: Future cohesion policy for EU regions bordering Russia

Many EU regions bordering Russia face multiple challenges. As our EU population is ageing and many young people are moving to bigger cities, depopulation and brain drain from these regions has become a pertinent security question for the entire EU, not just for the border regions.

Keeping border areas populated and connected, and applying the right to stay principle requires action on many levels. We need considerable investment in digital infrastructure, education, electricity grids and roads, to name a few examples.

These regions need the means to develop their infrastructure in order to remain alive and dynamic. Given the foregoing, how will the Commission ensure that the future cohesion policy is fit for purpose for the border regions?

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