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Subject: The scourge of Sargassum

A few days ago in Nice, the Commission President unveiled the European ocean pact. In the West Indies, however, our children are still having to breathe in toxic fumes emanating from rotting Sargassum.

This seaweed scourge has been coming back every season for 14 years now, with devastating effects on people's health, the environment and the economy.

This is not only the result of climate change: it is also caused by structural imbalances, including transatlantic currents and eutrophication.

Faced with this perma-crisis, companies are now coming up with innovative solutions that can be industrialised, such as gathering the seaweed out at sea and turning it into energy or usable materials.

This positive model could be replicated in other regions affected by the problem in the Caribbean, Africa and the Pacific. It's time to turn this nuisance into a sustainable resource.

What strategy is the Commission planning to put in place, in particular via ambitious funding arrangements, to support these initiatives and turn Sargassum into a driver of innovation for the benefit of the overseas territories?

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