

Question for written answer E-003742/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Programme of options specifically relating to remoteness and insularity possibly discontinued in the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

The proposals made by the European Commission for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034, and the creation of the ‘national and regional partnership plans’, seem to indicate an intention to discontinue the programme of options specifically relating to remoteness and insularity (POSEI).

The EU’s outermost regions (ORs) face specific challenges: remoteness, dispersion and limited and dependent markets. These constraints require positive policies and investments that can counter trends of economic, social and demographic depression. The structural funds dedicated to the development of the ORs, namely the POSEI scheme, empower the productive sector in these regions, increase the scope and quality of public services, improve their connectivity through accessible transport, and protect ecosystems and traditional human activities. They are therefore essential to combat the different levels of isolation faced by these regions.

Instead of discontinuing it, more funding should be allocated to this programme in the next MFF, the POSEI-Fisheries scheme should be re-established and a new POSEI-Transport scheme should be created.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to proceed with discontinuing the POSEI scheme in the next MFF?
2. If so, what is the alternative in order to meet the objectives of promoting development in the ORs and what amounts does the Commission envisage allocating?

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