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to the Commission**
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Subject: Commission action to address the consequences of the climate crisis and the impact of phenomena such as water scarcity on islands

Both water scarcity and water-related risks are being exacerbated as a result of the climate crisis, as rising temperatures throw the entire water cycle out of kilter. Water scarcity is not only a major challenge for islands and their inhabitants; it also presents a major obstacle to their economic development.

While its water resilience strategy refers to the need to reduce leaks and improve water storage and efficiency, the Commission – beyond its commitment to support innovation in the field of sustainable desalination – does not propose specific measures for island regions.

It is worth noting that the European Commission estimates that the water management investment gap stands at EUR 23 billion per year.

In view of the forthcoming European climate adaptation plan, can the Commission say:

1. What steps will it take to mitigate climate change and ensure sufficient water supply on islands?
2. Does it intend to create specific financial tools to meet the investment needed to modernise infrastructure and address leaks, as well as to fund the research and development of new technologies to address the problem?
3. How will it ensure that any measures taken will meet the needs of islands?

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