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In the case of Cyprus, the Cohesion Policy Programme ‘Thalia 2021-2027’¹ aims to foster a strong and competitive economy through smart, digital, and green investments, while ensuring full employment and social cohesion. In line with the principle of shared management, the implementation of the Cohesion policy funds is the responsibility of Member States. Consequently, the Commission does not play a role in the selection of specific projects or in the day-to-day monitoring of their implementation. The Directorate General for Growth within the Ministry of Finance acts as the Managing Authority for the ‘Thalia 2021-2027’ Programme, with overarching responsibility for its management and implementation². In this sense it is for the Managing Authority to assess, in line with the priorities identified in this programme, how projects in the remote areas referred to in the question can be developed and supported.

The EU remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem within the United Nations (UN) framework, on the basis of a bicomunal, bizonal federation with political equality, in accordance with all relevant UN Security Council resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the *acquis*.

¹ <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters/cohesion-policy-programme-thalia-2021-2027>

² Further details can be found at <https://thalia.com.cy/en/home-en/>