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**Question for written answer E-001910/25
to the Commission
Thomas Bajada (S&D)
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Subject: Added value of the New Pact for the Mediterranean

The recently announced New Pact for the Mediterranean, expected later this year, envisages working on building comprehensive partnerships focused on areas of mutual interest.

In this context, can the Commission outline how the new proposal for a new pact for the Mediterranean will offer added value over and above the mechanisms that are already in place?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
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The New Pact for the Mediterranean ('the Pact') represents a significant enhancement over existing mechanisms, providing a more comprehensive and dynamic approach to regional collaboration.

Building on the foundations of the Barcelona Process, the Pact is designed to adapt to the rapidly changing geopolitical environment, ensuring resilience and growth for the EU and Southern Neighbourhood countries ⁽¹⁾.

Its added value lies in its flexibility and responsiveness, allowing quick adaptation to emerging challenges and developments. The Pact also aims to deepen and refocus the partnership around key initiatives that bear the most potential to deliver concrete results, and which can be adapted as the context evolves.

The preparation of the Pact is firmly rooted in an extensive process of dialogue and consultation. Southern Neighbourhood partners and Member States have contributed to the shaping of the Pact aiming for a partnership of equals.

Additionally, the Pact involves voices from civil society, the private sector, and local communities to ensure diverse priorities are addressed and all implementors are fully engaged. This enriched dialogue strengthens social and cultural bonds across the region.

In summary, the New Pact for the Mediterranean provides added value by being adaptive, inclusive, and forward-looking, better equipping the region to handle challenges and leverage opportunities for shared prosperity and stability.

⁽¹⁾ The European Neighbourhood Policy encompasses the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Palestine* (*This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a state of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue).