

Regional and Urban Policy

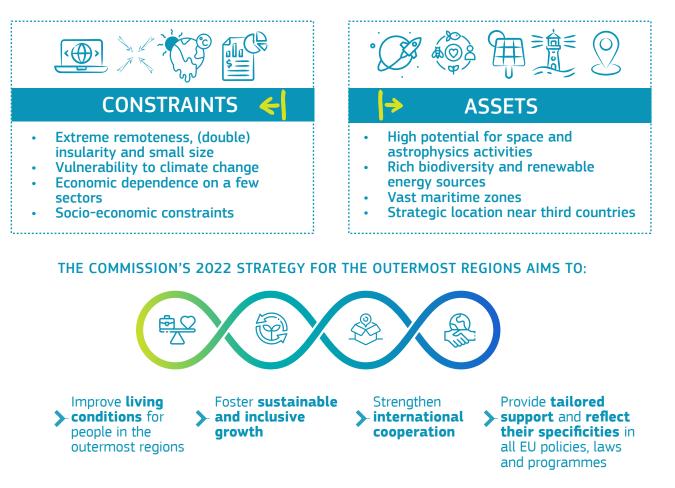
State of play on the implementation of the 2022 Strategy for the EU outermost regions



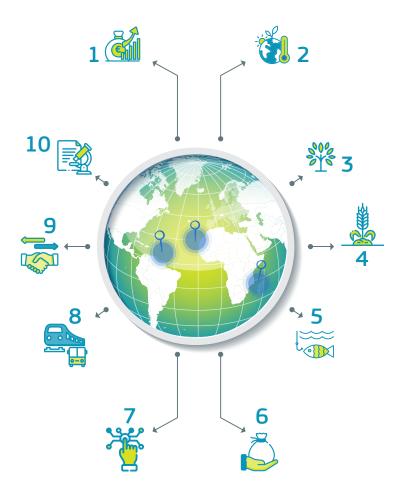
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The outermost regions are the most remote parts of the EU and home to 5 million EU citizens. In 2022 the European Commission adopted a strategy to further support these regions across all policies, building on their unique assets and focusing on improving citizens' lives. By 2024, the Commission has delivered on its commitments, working together with the outermost regions and their Member States. The Commission intends to continue supporting the EU outermost regions, in line with the Treaty.

The Treaty (Art. 349 TFEU) provides for specific support measures for the EU outermost regions and their people.



THE COMMISSION REFLECTED THE OUTERMOST REGIONS' SPECIFICITIES IN ALL POLICIES' LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, INITIATIVES, AND PROGRAMMES:



TAILORED SUPPORT

1. COHESION AND SOCIAL *Higher co-financing rate, exceptions for* investments, e.g. ports, airports **CLIMATE ACTION** Temporary exemption from Emissions Trading Scheme **ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY** 3 BESTLIFE2030 scheme with 95% co-financing AGRICULTURE EUR 4.4 billion for resilient agriculture & food autonomy 5 **FISHERIES** EUR 330 million for sustainable fisheries & blue economy 6. STATE AID Support to fishing fleet's modernisation and security 7. DIGITALISATION Over EUR 125 million for submarine cables under the Connecting Europe Facility 8. TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY More opportunities within the Trans-European Transport Network 9. TRADE Sustainable impact assessments and <u>ex-post evaluations</u> **10. RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

Horizon Europe and Interregional Investments Initiative

Grant scheme

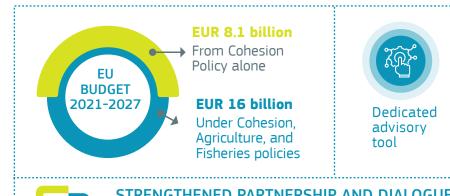
for youth

actions

Targeted

workshops on

EU programmes



STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP AND DIALOGUE

- Annual bilateral dialogues at political and technical level
 - Tailored information on EU opportunities

REINFORCED REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Interreg programmes for regional cooperation
 - Outermost regions reflected in international agreements (EU-LAC strategic partnership and SAMOA agreement)
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