

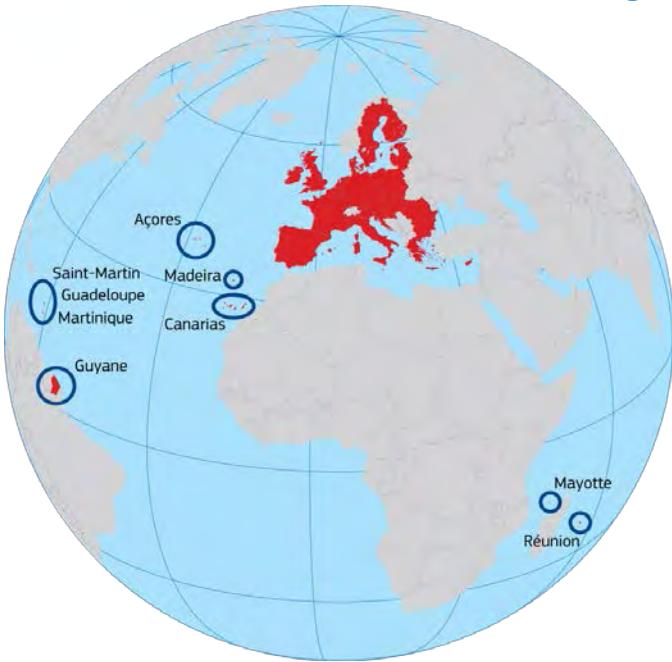
The outermost regions REGIO A.1 Outermost Regions

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The 9 outermost regions



6 French OR:
Guadeloupe
French Guiana
Martinique
Mayotte
Reunion Island
Saint-Martin

2 Portuguese OR:
Azores
Madeira

1 Spanish OR:
Canary Islands

**Art. 349
TFEU**

- **Unemployment rate 2015:** from 11.2% [Azores] to 26.6% [Mayotte]
- **Youth unemployment rate:** between 44% to nearly 54.5%
- **GDP per capita, PPS (EU28=100):** 8 400 (31%) [Mayotte] to 21 500 (78%) [Canary Islands]



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New strategy for the outermost regions



"I have always paid particular attention to the nine regions we call the outermost regions, which are first and foremost European regions, and which project Europe's presence in the world. This strategy, which provides the basis for a renewed, strengthened and privileged partnership, is a new specific example of a Europe that protects, provides the means to act and offers equal opportunities to everyone.."

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European
Commission



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New strategy for the outermost regions

The Commission will embrace a new approach for ensuring that the outermost regions' specificities and needs are consistently reflected in its initiatives

It will foster EU policies that better suit their situations and adapt to their circumstances (Ref.COM (2017) 623)





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Main strands of the new strategy



A new governance based on a stronger partnership



Building on their assets for their sustainable development



Enabling growth and job creation, opportunity for all



Scaling up cooperation with their neighbours and beyond



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New Governance based on a new approach

PREVENTIVE

To ensure **upstream** that initiatives and decisions consider the possible **impacts** on the outermost regions

INCLUSIVE

- Via a **forum for dialogue and exchange of experience on fisheries and maritime affairs**
- Via **ad-hoc platform** to exchange views on the interest and concerns of the outermost regions and proposal

TAILOR-MADE

Via dedicated **task forces** to address specific needs of an individual outermost region



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New Strategy for the outermost regions: Biodiversity

Building on the experience of the **BEST initiative**, consider providing specific support for the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of the ecosystems services;

Work together with partners from Overseas Countries and Territories and African-Caribbean-Pacific countries on promoting common objectives in international agreements.





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New Strategy for the outermost regions: Climate change

The Commission

- Strengthen the outermost regions' dimension in LIFE (new policy area);
- Launch a preparatory project on climate change adaptation in 2019;
- Integrate the specific adaptation challenges of the outermost regions in the review of the 2013 EU adaptation strategy;
- Increase awareness of the funding possibilities available through the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action;

The outermost regions

- Regularly update the specific needs, risks and vulnerabilities of the outermost regions;



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New Strategy for the outermost regions: Circular economy

The
Commission

- Propose a project topic under the LIFE 2018-2020 to address the waste management problems encountered by the outermost regions;
- Support the outermost regions in becoming testing locations for circular economy pilot projects;
- Consider introducing provisions to facilitate the shipments of waste to neighbouring countries for treatment (review of the Waste Shipment Regulation in 2020)





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New Strategy for the outermost regions: Circular economy

Member
States
and/or
outermost
regions

- Analyse the potential of the circular economy in the outermost regions and identify priority projects;
- Enhance appropriate waste management, including waste prevention;
- Further improve the promotion of environmentally-friendly practices through the use of the Common Agricultural Policy instruments.





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New Strategy for the outermost regions



- Launch a dedicated Coordination and Support Action (EUR 4 million) in the Horizon 2020 work programme (EC);
- Give particular attention to the specific assets and needs when drawing the future EU Research Framework Programmes (EC).
 - Boost the visibility of the innovation and research activities to attract private/international funding based on the Smart Specialisation Strategies (MS/OR);



Take a leading role in the **Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative** (OR)



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Useful links

COMMUNICATION:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/communications/2017/un-partenariat-privilegie-renouvele-et-renforce-avec-les-regions-ultraperipheriques

INFO REGIO:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/themes/outermost-regions