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How can EU policies help filling the gap?



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- Transports, energy, telecommunications are the main limitations to the development of these areas where the challenges of the mountain are added to those of insularity.



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- Farmers play a key role



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- Emigration trends decrease the population of mountain areas leading to the spoilage of agricultural landscapes



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- The structural support of the Mediterranean mountain areas has to take into account:
- new energy sources
- transports
- new technologies
- climate change

