

**Question for written answer E-000871/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission body for the support to Member States in the absorption of Cohesion Policy funds

Some Member States have problems with the absorption of Cohesion Policy funds. In this connection, in my work as a member of the REGI Committee, I have repeatedly advocated the establishment of a special 'intervention body' of the European Commission that would intervene and assist Member States in addressing the problems of preparation and implementation of the cohesion policy. I am convinced that the responsibility for a successful absorption of funds cannot rest only with national authorities since the consequences of poor use of development resources of the EU ultimately impact on the whole of the EU.

Given the fact that the newly elected Commissioner for Regional Policy, Mrs. Corina Crețu, has underlined the establishment of a 'Task Force' whose role it will be to help Member States which encounter problems with the utilisation of resources of the EU Cohesion Policy, I ask the following questions:

1. How is this Task Force structured (from the personnel and organisational point of view) and how does it function?
2. What actions have so far been undertaken and implemented by the said Task Force?