

**Question for written answer E-001956/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Cohesion Policy Strategy for the Atlantic Area

On 11 July 2011 Parliament adopted its Report on the EU Cohesion Policy Strategy for the Atlantic Area drawn up by the Committee on Regional Development, of which I am now a member.

Given that it is an outlying area composed of a rather disparate collection of regions, many of which have still not reached the EU's average income level and for which the situation has only become worse as a result of the financial crisis, the Report stressed to the Commission the importance of developing a macroregional strategy in order to revitalise the Atlantic Area and the need to secure environmentally, socially and economically sustainable development through an industrial and spatial planning policy and an action plan with effect until 2020.

Three years on from the adoption of the Report, could the Commission tell us what progress it has made with Parliament's proposal?