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Subject: Emilia-Romagna rural development plan

On 16 December 2014 the Commission sent the Emilia-Romagna regional authorities 542 comments concerning the 2014-2020 rural development plan.

It noted that the underlying figures were inaccurate, imprecise, unverifiable, and inconsistent, and called the plan itself rambling and incoherent (points 1, 2, 9, 29, 33, and 34).

In points 17 and 18 the plan's approach to the environment was described as not very ambitious and not sufficiently targeted; and the amount allocated to agri-environment-climate measures (AECM) appeared to the Commission to be much lower than in the years 2007 to 2013.

Point 21 warned that in order to achieve priorities 4 and 5 (preserving agricultural and forestry ecosystems and encouraging efficient use of resources), investment operations would have to be linked to the environment and climate change targets; but that is not the case.

Point 31 drew attention to the fact that the final version of the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) has not been produced (which means that the plan cannot be approved).

The projected action in the field of biodiversity is not considered likely to be particularly effective.

What would happen if Emilia-Romagna Region failed to make the necessary corrections?

Given the delays in the approval process, has the region lost European funding or could it be in danger of doing so?