

**Question for written answer E-003129/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reprogramming EU funds and financial instruments

Halfway through the Portugal 2020 programme, the Portuguese authorities are carrying out a reprogramming exercise that involves withdrawing money from the programmes and areas with lower implementation, and allocating it to those which make more intensive use of funds, or which are considered as national priorities. Community frameworks cover a number of years. It is therefore necessary to amend the availability of funds, depending on the needs of the economy. Indeed, this exercise is neither unique nor original in nature. The point is that a great deal of reprogramming is done at the expense of financial instruments with an exceptionally low implementation rate.

Is the Commission in a position to do away with the minimum thresholds to be allocated to the financial instruments, provided for in the Regulations governing the Structural Funds, as assessed by the low implementation rate? What impact will this assessment have on the next multiannual financial framework, where it is planned to strengthen financial instruments?