

**Question for written answer P-001688/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Leader Projects in Andalusia

Many Leader groups in Andalusia have not yet begun to function due to the delays that have occurred in the approval of new projects by the autonomous community, which is causing a large deficit in their accounts that is not covered by transitional funds. The Andalusian government has made no provision for transitional expenses in the programme which it transmitted to the Commission, so some groups have begun to break up. The usual delays in the implementation of the programmes throughout the European Union are particularly pronounced in this autonomous community.

1. Does the Commission have any information about the causes of these delays?
2. Could this lead to a level of implementation in the planned period (N + 3) lower than initially expected?
3. Can the Commission indicate the level of implementation of the Leader programmes in Andalusia during the last programming period?