

**Question for written answer P-003290/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Co-financing possibilities for projects in large towns and cities in Poland

There is no doubt that Poland has been, and still is, one of the biggest beneficiaries of EU funds. EU funding has transformed Polish towns, cities and villages, and large urban hubs have – appropriately, and for the sake of their development – made the most of the opportunities created using EU funds.

Nonetheless, the draft programming documents for the 2021-2027 financial perspective presented by the Polish Government suggest that the focus of EU funds will be shifted from major Polish urban centres (regional cities and their suburbs) to small and medium-sized cities. This means that cities such as Łódź, Wrocław and Warsaw, which have been using EU funds in an effective way to boost their own potential, could have problems securing those funds in future. Taking account of the fact that this is a political decision, I would like to ask the Commission:

What other co-financing possibilities could still be available for funding large and medium-sized projects (and not just those relating to infrastructure) in large cities and metropolises, even if the Polish Government changes its priorities?