

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3034/02
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to the Commission

Subject: EU aid for Objective 1 regions

It emerges from Jörg Beutel's study for the Commission entitled 'The economic impact of Objective 1 interventions for the period 2000-2006' that 24.2% of EU aid for Objective 1 regions does not benefit those regions themselves, but other EU regions. The study also makes it clear that the lasting effects of EU funding in the region concerned are insufficient.

1. What reasons does the Commission see for the misdirected funding?
2. What steps has the Commission taken or does it propose to take to remedy this state of affairs?
3. Does the Commission intend to withdraw this funding?
4. How does the Commission view the study's findings about EU funding's lack of lasting effects?
5. What steps does the Commission suggest to enhance the effectiveness of EU aid?