

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0327/04
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to the Commission

Subject: County Clare and Objective I of the Structural Fund

I understand from the Commission's previous correspondence that County Clare will remain eligible for Objective 1 in transition until 2006.

However, County Clare will become part of the new North-West constituency (formerly known as Connacht Ulster) in 2004. At that time, can the Commission confirm that the existing Connacht Ulster counties will maintain their Objective 1 status, but County Clare will not share this status?

Does the Commission not anticipate difficulty in this situation whereby it will be the only county in the North-West constituency not enjoying Objective 1 status, even though this county shares the same difficulties and needs as the counties of Connacht Ulster?

Can the Commission confirm whether County Clare will continue to have a different status from the other counties of North-West after 2006?