

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3020/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Urban free zones in Italy

Paragraphs 340, 341 and 342 of the Italian State budget for 2007 provide for the creation of urban free zones, in order to facilitate development and investment.

The terms and timetable for creating the free zones are the subject of keen debate between the Italian State and the Commission.

Can the Commission say:

1. what point has been reached in negotiations with the Italian government;
2. whether the reference parameters have been worked out, what regions will benefit and what form the concessions will take;
3. by what date the procedure should be completed?