WRITTEN QUESTION E-1329/08 by Petru Filip (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Negotiation of the number of national growth poles in the EU Member States (ROP - Axis 1)

While appreciating the Commission's concern to support sustainable urban development – potential growth poles (ROP - Axis 1) – we feel that a differentiated approach is needed for each Member State, based on its surface area and number of inhabitants. In this context, implementing a single formal approach would result in an undesirable imbalance.

Will the Commission take these factors into account when establishing the definitive lists of national growth poles?