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to the Commission

Subject: Uptake of structural funding - EU regional policy

In view of the number of errors which the Court of Auditors identified in the implementation of structural-funded projects in 2006, it is clear that the Member States are not well enough prepared to ensure efficient uptake of the funding available. Furthermore, given the additional problems arising from the difference between initial and final project costs resulting, among other things, from growing inflation and, in Poland's case, from the significant appreciation of the zloty, beneficiaries are having major problems making up the financial shortfall.

How does the Commission intend to prevent problems of this kind from arising again in the future?