

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2704/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Structural fund expenditure 2000-2006 and progress of programming period 2007-2013 for Italian former Objective 1 regions

The deadline laid down in Community regulations for spending Community resources for the period 2000-2006 elapsed on 31 December 2008. The Italian regions have taken advantage of the period of extension up to 30 June 2009.

In the past, Italian former Objective 1 regions have been very late in implementing expenditure for the period 2000-2006.

Furthermore, the programming for the period 2007-2013 by Italian convergence objective regions is currently way behind schedule.

In the light of the above, will the Commission provide all relevant information, both quantitative and qualitative, relating to the Structural Funds programming period 200-2006 for all Italian former Objective 1 regions, with particular reference to public spending commitments and payments made compared to scheduled amounts, the beneficiaries of funds disbursed and the type of actions taken, as well as details of the 'support' projects co-financed for each individual region?

Will it indicate the amount (actual figure and as a percentage for each region) of expenditure declared up to the present date by Italian former Objective 1 regions, in relation to the resources available for the 2000-2006 period?

Will it provide a detailed report on the progress made in the implementation of all operational programmes for convergence objective regions (for each region) for the period 2007-2013?