

**Question for written answer E-002412/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Implementation of the Adriatic-Ionian strategy

The European Council of 13 and 14 December 2012 asked the Commission to set out an EU macro-regional strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region.

On 1 September 2012, Parliament's Committee on Regional Development (REGI) tabled a preparatory action (Amendment 6775) to finance 'the implementation phase of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy'.

The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) made it clear at that time that it did not support this preparatory action, indicating that it did not need this financial support in order to fulfil the responsibilities assigned to it by the Council.

1. What human and budgetary resources has the DG REGIO made available to ensure that this project can progress as quickly as possible?
2. What will be the schedule for this project?
3. Who are the designated contacts within the DG REGIO?