

**Question for written answer E-000542/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Cohesion policy and bureaucracy

Since 2014, the EU regions have been the authorities managing the European structural and investment funds, in particular the European Regional Development Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and, in part, the European Social Fund. They are thus able to support and co-finance local projects, with a view to maintaining economic, environmental and social cohesion in the EU.

The value of such a system is that it shows the general public what the EU is doing for them. For the regions in question, however, managing these funds is an onerous task. With this in mind, will the Commission take steps, when overhauling cohesion policy in the future, to make the arrangements for managing the funds less cumbersome?