

**Question for written answer E-002151/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Calabria regional operational programme (ROP) 2014-2020: contradictory data and lack of transparency

On 31 December 2018 the deadline for meeting the regional operational programmes' mid-term spending target expired.

In the case of the ROP for Calabria, the amount to be certified for the purpose of securing funding from the performance reserve was EUR 446 million.

In its answer to Question P-000007-19, the Commission confirmed that this target had been achieved.

However, this information appears to be different from that provided by the Calabria Region¹, certified as at 31.12.2018.

The information has been confirmed on several occasions by the regional government, which has also noted that the certified expenditure target to be met by 31.12.2018 was EUR 363 million and not EUR 446 million, as indicated by the Commission in its replies to questions P-003303/2018, P-006058/2018 and P-000007/2019.

Lastly, the information note drawn up by the monitoring committee on 28 June provides yet another figure for the certified expenditure: according to that note, certified expenditure of EUR 435 million had been achieved only on 10 May 2019.

In view of the above inconsistencies, and in order to ensure maximum transparency, can the Commission say whether:

- 1) the mid-term certified spending target under the Calabria ROP was EUR 363 million or EUR 446 million;
- 2) certified expenditure as at 31.12.2018 was EUR 420 million, EUR 446 million, or another amount;
- 3) the suspension of the application for an interim payment of some EUR 130 million is still in force and what action the Commission intends to take in this regard?

¹ <http://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/website/>