

Question for written answer E-002325/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Regional operational programme (ROP) for Calabria 2014-2020 - state of play of urban development strategies

The Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (SUS) is a key aspect of cohesion policy in Calabria for the period 2014-2020. The urban environments covered by the urban strategy are regional urban centres and smaller urban centres, for which, in total, the Calabria ROP for 2014-2020 has earmarked some EUR 191 million.

The various strategies developed and discussed around the city/region negotiating table were definitively assessed and approved by the Calabria Region by means of Regional Executive Decision (DGR) No 283 of 4 July 2018, after which the intermediate bodies (urban authorities) and/or regional government administration were to be in charge of the practical implementation of the work, depending on the type of work to be done.

That said, with more than a year having elapsed since the approval of the Strategies and approximately two years since the launch of the negotiating table involving the cities/region with a view to drawing up those strategies; taking into account also the risks associated with excessive delays in implementation, already highlighted in the answer to question E-004584-17, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1) What measures under the Strategy for the main regional urban centres and the smaller urban centres have been completed and can be fully enjoyed by citizens?
- 2) How much funding has so far been used, with expenditure already certified by the Commission?
- 3) Did those carrying out the work all prepare detailed timetables, with a definite time frame for the completion of the work?