

**Question for written answer E-003666/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Calabria regional operational programme (ROP) 2014-2020: serious delays in social inclusion policies

Priority axes 9 and 10 of the Calabria ROP 2014-2020 focus on social inclusion policies and provide for a financial envelope of EUR 145 million and EUR 67 million respectively.

Actions funded under these two axes include measures to increase the employability and labour market participation of the most vulnerable people in society, with the aim of reducing those of their number living below the poverty line.

Social inclusion is a priority issue for Calabria, and not just in terms of implementing the ROP but also as it affects the territory and the conditions experienced by the region. The latest Svimez 2019 report sketches a worrying picture of Calabria.

Despite the importance of this issue, implementation of social inclusion policies under the Calabria ROP has suffered serious delays: priority axis 9 has not obtained the performance reserve linked to achievement of the targets set in the last performance framework; priority axis 10 is still behind schedule for completion of administrative work and implementation of the planned procedures, all of which has knock-on effects on expenditure forecasts (see the Monitoring Committee's report of 28 June 2019 <sup>1</sup>).

In view of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to speed up implementation of social inclusion policies in Calabria?
2. Does it think that the next set of performance framework targets for the aforementioned priority axes can be achieved?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/website/portalmidia/2019-10/2019.08.08-CdSgiugno19-Verbaleanalitico.pdf>.