

Question for written answer E-000078/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Thematic objective of the Calabria 2014-2020 Regional operational programme (ROP):
mitigation of erosion of Calabrian coastline

Calabria is endowed with 800 kilometres of coastline, an enormous amount, which year on year is gradually being eaten away, often because of atrocious land management and excessive human activity, both legal and illegal.

As a result year after year, fierce breaking waves from storms at sea cause enormous damage to infrastructure, housing, and productive and commercial activities.

To ensure work to overcome these problems had more than just a limited effect at local level, between 2013 and 2014 approval was granted for the 'coastal defence' master plan drawn up by the regional water authority, which would be funded from various sources. Subsequent to this, the policy document on 'soil protection', containing a number of measures to be funded by the Calabria 2014-2020 ROP to prevent coastal erosion, was adopted by the Regional Executive in its Decision DGR No 355 of 31 July 2017.

Given that this is a matter of the utmost importance:

1. Does the Commission consider that the budget earmarked for soil protection and coastal erosion under Heading 5 of the Calabria 2014-2020 ROP will suffice or does it believe this amount should be increased?
2. How many actions (excluding the retrospective projects contribution) to mitigate coastal erosion, and what type, have already been completed with funds from the Calabria 2014-2020 ROP and how many are still being implemented?