

**Question for written answer E-001076/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: More effective use of cohesion funds for regional development

The EU's 2014-2020 cohesion budget (ERDF, CF and ESF) has been allocated more than EUR 350 billion; however, per capita GDP in some EU regions is as low as 20% of the EU average. Economic cohesion is therefore not rising, and less-developed regions are unable to catch up with more developed regions.

I believe that the effectiveness of cohesion investments should be increased by ensuring higher returns and shorter payback periods.

Will the Commission take concrete measures to improve the efficiency of cohesion spending?

Could the Commission comment on this issue?