Question for written answer E-002433/2020 to the Commission

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Subject: Calabria regional operational programme (ROP) for 2014-2020: extraordinary measures

for the COVID-19 emergency

The Commission has given the go-ahead to use the ESF and ERDF structural funds from the 2014-2020 programming period for the coronavirus emergency.

Following a first package of measures intended to mobilise structural funds immediately in order to provide a rapid response to the crisis, a second package of measures has been added to provide special flexibility, so that all the unused financial support from EU funds can be fully mobilised.

This is an unprecedented set of measures, warranted by the exceptional situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The reprogramming of EU funds by moving resources from one priority to another, as provided for by Article 30(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and introduced by Regulation (EU) No 2020/460 of 30 March 2020, could be used to support health, employment and SMEs on the one hand, while swiftly relaunching investments on the other.

With regard to the 2014-2020 ROP for Calabria, therefore, can the Commission say:

- 1. what the amount is, to date, of the funds from the 2014-2020 ROP for Calabria which have not yet been allocated;
- 2. whether the Calabria ROP monitoring committee has, to date, approved any transfer of funds from one priority to another, under the new procedure introduced by Article 30(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013;
- 3. whether it is aware of any readjustments already made within the priorities of the 2014-2020 ROP for Calabria?