

**Question for written answer E-004711/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Major disparities in the allocation of SURE funding

As of 25 August 2020, the Commission has approved funding of EUR 87.3 billion ¹ in the form of loans under the SURE programme in response to plans submitted by 16 Member States. In connection with the Commission proposals to the Council for implementing decisions ², however, a study of population figures in the Member States concerned ³ reveals significant disparities in the maximum per capita allocation of funding under the programme. For example, the per capita borrowing ceiling is EUR 254 for Greece, EUR 576 for Portugal, EUR 672 for Belgium, EUR 539 for Cyprus, EUR 473 for Malta, EUR 531 for Slovenia, EUR 450 for Spain, EUR 455 for Italy and EUR 296 for Poland.

In view of this:

1. What was the reason for these substantial disparities in the allocation of SURE funding to the various Member States and what criteria were applied?
2. Given that the SURE funding package currently contains a balance of around EUR 12.7 billion, could a proposal be submitted to the Council seeking to increase this amount in view of a possible second wave of the pandemic?
3. Of the EUR 2.728 billion loan for Greece ⁴, what amounts correspond respectively to past and future measures by the Greek Government?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/el/mex_20_1520

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/sure-commission-proposals-council-support-member-states_en

³ https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/figures/living_el

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