Question for written answer E-005424/2020 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Progress made in the implementation of the Calabria Regional Strategy for Inland Areas

The national and regional strategies for inland areas (known as SNAI and SRAI respectively) are a pilot project in Italy under the 2014-2020 programming period.

Through these strategies, the Calabria Region seeks to support those areas that are far away from major urban centres by taking measures to improve essential services and economic development and by making the most of unused local resources, thereby reversing demographic trends.

Although there is little time left until the closure of the 2014-2020 programming period, there are still considerable delays as regards the implementation of these strategies in Calabria.

More specifically, very little of the funding from the three EU funds ERDF, ESF and EAFRD has been used.

Can the Commission therefore say:

what the exact amount of the financial envelope is, from the ERDF, ESF and EAFRD, to support the SRAI in the Calabria Region;

how much has been spent so far on the implementation of the national and regional strategies for the development of inland areas in Calabria;

whether the current delays mean that the planned targets are unlikely to be achieved, thereby jeopardising the success of the strategies for inland areas?