

**Question for written answer E-005615/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Distribution of the Recovery and Resilience Facility in the context of the reservations expressed by the European Court of Auditors

On 9 September 2020, the ECA published an opinion (No 6/2020) on the proposal establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility, according to which the country allocation mechanism for the Recovery and Resilience Facility 'only partly reflects the RRF's objective to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by improving resilience and supporting recovery (...). More than two thirds of the RRF's grants are in fact earmarked for the 14 Member States with a 2019 GDP per capita of at least 90 % of the EU's average, and only about a quarter for the eight Member States with a 2019 GDP per capita below 75 % of the EU's average'.

Thus, countries such as Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Latvia, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland can together count on only 25% of aid.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree that the proposed distribution of funds undermines the objectives of EU cohesion policy and promotes the deepening of traditional divisions in Europe?
2. In developing the next stages of the strategy for the recovery of EU economies, will the Commission support a move away from this anachronistic method of distribution, which de facto favours those Member States with the highest GDP?