

**Question for written answer E-000262/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Eligible activities and expenditure for future urban regeneration projects

In the context of the negotiations for the operational programmes in the Member States, and with specific regard to the determination of eligible activities and expenditure to be known by beneficiaries:

1. Would the activities and expenditure for soil decontamination works be eligible for financing in the future regional operations programmes under priorities financing urban regeneration projects through the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
2. Suppose the legal property/right to use contaminated land belongs to a local authority, including legal remediation obligations. If a company which has used the land and caused soil pollution and is now bankrupt or no longer has a legal right to the property, would the polluter pays principle apply? If so, would the local administration still be eligible to receive money from the EU through a regeneration project to carry out decontamination works?
3. Would the reconversion of abandoned buildings such as those located in city centres be eligible for urban regeneration housing development projects? This would entail not just social housing projects for vulnerable categories, but also apartments for doctors, innovators, IT programmers, investors, those actively employed in the creative industries and other people of various talents that could be attracted to improve quality of life in cities.