

**Question for written answer E-005083/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Risks relating to the implementation of the 2014-2020 Regional Operational Programme (ROP) for Calabria

The eighth meeting of the Monitoring Committee for the 2014-2020 Calabria ROP recently took place in Calabria to review the state of implementation of European Union measures under the current and future programming cycles. Despite the fact that the EU's expenditure target for 2021 has been met six months early, when it comes to the closure of the 2014-2020 programming cycle there are ongoing weaknesses in implementation both in terms of planned and committed resources and in terms of expenditure, especially in some specific sectors.

In particular, the forecasts suggest that the current procedures under the 2014-2020 Calabria ROP would not ensure the full absorption of resources and that the cumulative expenditure expected by 31 December 2023 would be a little over EUR 2 billion, with a loss of resources estimated at 9 % of the allocation of the current financial plan, totalling EUR 206 million.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission believe that there is a risk that some of the thematic objectives under the 2014-2020 Calabria ROP might not be fulfilled?
2. Does it consider any new proposals to transfer resources between the axes of the ROP and/or between funds to be consistent with the strategies and priorities of the partnership agreement?
3. Does it intend to carry out more frequent monitoring of the implementation of the Calabria ROP?