Question for written answer E-000884/2022 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: ROP Calabria 2014-2020: progress in implementing the Urban Agenda programme

A key component of Calabrian cohesion policy for 2014-2020 is, of course, the sustainable urban development strategy (or 'Urban Agenda'). The agglomerations covered are regional urban centres and smaller urban centres, for which the 2014-2020 regional operational programme (ROP) for Calabria earmarked some EUR 191 million in total.

However, close to two years after the final deadline for spending resources from this programming period, the delays in implementation are a growing concern. The answer to question E-005629/2020 already revealed significant delays in the implementation of the programmes in regional urban centres.

However, as recently exposed by the mayor of Corigliano Rossano¹ among others, it would seem that implementation of the sustainable urban development strategy is proving even more problematic in smaller urban centres.

Given the risks associated with excessive implementation delays, as made clear in the answer to question E-004584-17, can the Commission say:

- 1. What programmes/operations relating to regional urban centres have been completed?
- 2. What progress has been made in implementing the strategy with respect to smaller urban centres?
- 3. How much has been spent under ROP Calabria 2014-2020 to date on the sustainable urban development strategy, and does the Commission believe that the deadlines in the regional operational programme will be met?

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