

**Question for written answer E-001004/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Specific measures to prevent misuse, irregularities and possible future fraud in relation to Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) funds

Given the urgency of addressing the situation of people who are fleeing Ukraine as a result of Russia's invasion of the country, the Commission's recent Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) proposal intends to create additional flexibility in cohesion policy funding to support Member States hosting people fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

According to Commission¹:

- CARE intends to ease national budgetary pressures by extending the possibility of 100 % EU co-financing for 2014-2020 cohesion policy funding for the 2021-2022 accounting year;
- Member States and regions will have the possibility to use resources from either the European Fund for Regional Development or the European Social Fund for any type of measure to support people fleeing Ukraine. Thanks to this flexibility, it will be possible to use either fund to support projects even if they would normally be funded by the other.

Are there any specific measures or rules (others than those already established for cohesion policy and Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived programmes) that the Commission plans to implement together with the Member States in order to prevent misuse of CARE funds, irregularities and possible future fraud?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_1608