

**Question for written answer E-002489/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Possibility of transfers from cohesion policy funds

5 % of the initial allocation, which represents the limit for transfers from cohesion policy funds to other instruments, should provide a guarantee of flexibility while ensuring that the spirit and purpose of cohesion policy are not diluted. As part of the RePowerEU initiative, the Commission proposes to allow for additional transfers, thus increasing flexibility at the expense of cohesion policy.

1. Is this proposal not an unwelcome attack on the balance that prevails between these two values?
2. How does the Commission respond to the objection that this step is leading to the erosion of cohesion policy, which may face funding shortfalls?