Question for written answer E-003930/2022 to the Commission

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Subject: Calabria ROP for 2014-2020: progress on urban agenda and completed operations

Under the 2014-2020 regional operational programme (ROP) for Calabria, around EUR 191 million was earmarked for a sustainable urban development strategy (urban agenda) covering, at least initially, regional urban centres, as well as smaller ones.

Following the COVID-19 crisis, and because of programming delays, all funding initially earmarked for smaller urban centres has been reallocated to other priorities.

In addition, as indicated in answer to question E-005629/2020, implementation of the programme for regional urban centres has also been repeatedly delayed.

This is still giving considerable cause for concern, particularly in view of the latest monitoring committee findings of 24 November 2022.

In view of this:

- 1. Can the Commission say what programmes/operations relating to regional urban centres have been completed?
- 2. What amount has so far been spent on sustainable urban development strategies under the 2014-2020 ROP for Calabria?
- 3. Does the Commission consider that there is any risk of decommitment of resources earmarked for the sustainable urban development programme?

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