

**Question for written answer E-001800/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: On the Special Report of the European Court of Auditors 2/2023

The report by the European Court of Auditors has raised the question of whether it is appropriate to provide short-term budgetary and economic assistance to Member States at the expense of the long-term goals of cohesion policy, and how to more generally approach crisis situations that the Union has had to face in recent years. The European Court of Auditors thus compels us to thoroughly reconsider the concept of our approach to cohesion policy. How does the Commission assess this report, its conclusions, and recommendations, and how will it reflect them in its work?

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