

**Question for written answer E-002551/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Funding

The Commission has decided to reallocate funding. A sum of EUR 135 million initially foreseen for Russia and Belarus under the Interreg NEXT programme is now to be transferred to Ukraine and Moldova. The Commission just recently implored Member States to increase their contributions, as the financial framework has already been exhausted.

1. Why were said EUR 135 million not used to replenish the budget?
2. Was the reallocation of these funds agreed with the Member States?
3. How much funding has been reallocated spontaneously in the past, and who takes such decisions?

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