

**Question for written answer E-003719/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Calabria Regional Operational Programme (ROP) 2014-2020: closure of programming and certified expenditure

A few days from the closure of the Calabria ROP 2014-2020 programming cycle, it is difficult to find up-to-date information on its status.

In particular, it is not clear whether the final objectives of the various axes of the programme were achieved, nor is it clear what the current/final status of the certified expenditure is at the Commission.

It is also not known whether the risk, already feared in the last monitoring committees, of recording an expenditure gap of around 6%, or around EUR 140 million at closure of programming, was definitively avoided.

In view of the above, given that, as at 2 October 2023, the amount of certified expenditure came to EUR 1 619.5 million, i.e. 72.8% of the resources available under the operational programme, can the Commission respond to the following questions:

1. At the expiry of the 31.12.2023 deadline, will all Calabria ROP 2014-2020 resources be fully absorbed, in line with the strategies and priorities of the programme and the partnership agreement?
2. Has any ineligible expenditure already been deducted from the ROP, and, if so, how much so far?
3. Is there any danger of a cut to the final balance for the Calabrian programming period 2014-2020?

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