

**Question for written answer E-003774/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cohesion policy and GDP as an indicator of development

In its resolution on the 8th Cohesion Report in 2022, Parliament stressed that using GDP as the only development indicator results in a failure to take into account sustainability, resource efficiency, integration and social progress, and called for GDP to be complemented by new criteria to provide a better socio-economic overview of regions. I have three questions in this context:

1. Does the Commission share Parliament's view on the inadequacy of GDP as the sole indicator of development?
2. What data documenting the socio-economic state of the regions are available at European level, and are they sufficient as a basis for formulating further criteria?
3. Which other criteria does the Commission consider appropriate at this time?

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