

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0128/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Sicily: 2000-2006 structural fund spending and 2007-2013 programming progress

The deadline for spending Community resources relating to the 2000-2006 period passed on 31 December 2008, under Community regulations.

In the past the Sicily Region has been considerably late in carrying out 'Agenda 2000' spending, and the 2007-2013 programming is currently far behind schedule.

Will the Commission make available all information, both quantitative and qualitative, relating to the 2000-2006 programming of structural funds for Sicily, in particular with regard to public spending commitments and the corresponding payments made, in terms of amounts, the beneficiaries of funds allocated, the type of measures taken and the co-financed 'support projects'?

Will it disclose the amount (the actual figure and as a percentage) of spending declared on 31 December 2008 by the Sicily Region in relation to the resources allocated for the 2000-2006 period?

Lastly, will the Commission provide a detailed report on the progress made in the implementation of the ROP - ERDF and of the other Operational Programmes for 2007-2013?