

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2121/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Speeding up procedures for Interreg subsidies

In view of the economic crisis, counter-cyclical policy to stimulate the economy and employment is of great importance. In this connection, investments in sustainable energy in particular not only provide a good incentive but are also an important innovation for the future. The means available to the Commission for this purpose include Interreg subsidies. However, the effectiveness of using these means to achieve counter-cyclical results is hindered by the long application procedure.

1. Does the Commission agree that now, at a time of economic crisis, that it is important to facilitate the creation of sustainable jobs?
2. Does it see scope in the regulations for speeding up the procedures to this end?