

**Question for written answer P-003303/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Performance framework for the 2014-2020 Calabria ROP

One of the new features in the 2014-2020 programming is that the implementation of programmes financed by ESI Funds has to be assessed in terms of its effectiveness in reaching predetermined intermediate targets (or 'milestones').

As provided for in Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, each Member State has a performance reserve equal to 6% of the resources allocated under the ESI Funds.

The Commission has to carry out a performance review and must definitively allocate the performance reserve to priorities which have met their targets.

If programmes have fallen short of their milestones, the Member State concerned will propose that the reserve be reallocated to priorities for which the targets have been reached.

In Calabria, in view of the fact that the financial indicator target value in the performance framework had been miscalculated, the managing authority proposed that the expenditure target be revised downwards from EUR 595 million to EUR 363 million.

According to recent press reports, Calabria currently ranks fourth in Italy in terms of spending of EU resources.

Bearing in mind the flaws in the regional information:

1. Have the proposed changes to the performance framework financial indicators for Calabria's regional operational programme (ROP) been approved? What at present are the expenditure targets that have to be met under the Calabria ROP by 31 December 2018?
2. Does the Commission consider the expenditure trend to be fit for the purpose of reaching the milestone?
3. Does it consider the regional ROP data reporting to have been clear and exhaustive as far as reaching the milestones was concerned?