Question for written answer P-000993/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Laura Ferrara (EFDD)

Subject: Calabria 2007-2013 regional operational programme (ROP): non-functioning projects

and the final balance

Approximately two years after the deadline for financial reporting on the Calabria 2007-2013 regional operational programme, many projects funded by said programme have still not yet been completed, i.e. are 'non-functioning'.

If the management authority is not in a position to confirm that these projects are fully functional, the Commission will have to ascertain what measures it should take in line with the guidelines on closure. These provide for payment of the final balance to the competent authority for each programme or the recovery of sums unduly paid by the Commission to the Member State and/or decommitment of any final balance.

In light of the above and the fact that the Calabria Region has not furnished any information on projects that are still not in operation or are the subject of administrative or legal proceedings, could the Commission answer the following:

- 1) How many non-functioning projects have been funded under the Calabria 2007-2013 ROP and which are they?
- 2) How much do payments/balances that have been suspended for projects under the Calabria 2007-2013 ROP amount to?
- 3) What steps will the Commission take now, as things stand, in regard to these non-functioning projects?

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