

**Priority question for written answer P-005747/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Direct support for European regions in the context of the Next Generation EU instrument and the multiannual financial framework

Various commissioners have emphasised that Member States' respect for the rule of law and the fundamental values of the European Union will be connected in a binding way to the disbursement of funds under the Next Generation EU instrument and the multiannual financial framework (MFF). Parliament has echoed this point on various occasions.

Nevertheless, in its position on the public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM), Parliament took into account the needs of people living in various European regions who are taking the transition toward a climate-neutral economy by 2050 seriously, emphasising that 'in the event of a breach of fundamental values in a Member State resulting in the adoption of measures for the protection of the Union budget, the Commission should seek to provide direct support to the transition of concerned regions and, with the agreement of the European Parliament and the Council, should temporarily manage funds with the recipients'.

1. Could the Commission envisage supporting European regions directly through the JTM and the MFF?
2. Does it share the opinion that leaving such regions without support could make it difficult to reach the EU's overall climate goals?