

**Priority question for written answer P-006849/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Issues regarding the launch of the 2021-2027 programming cycle and compliance with the additionality criterion

The Italian State and the competent Italian authorities are engaged in establishing the requisite procedures and acts for the launch of the new programming cycle 2021-2027.

Under the draft budget for 2021, the Italian Government has, among other things, allocated EUR 50 billion for the national development and cohesion fund, which is the largest national source of financing for development policies.

That is EUR 18.8 billion less than the overall allocation for the period 2014-2020, and also ignores the undertaking given by the Minister for Southern Italy that, under the respective agreements with the regions on the use of resources allocated for cohesion policies to address the COVID-19 outbreak, each region would be guaranteed to receive additional appropriations.

In the light of the above, can the Commission:

Check whether the financial measures the Italian Government proposes to adopt under the budget act comply with the principle of additionality?