

**Priority question for written answer P-001971/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Extension of the 'Decontribuzione Sud' measure in Italy

'Decontribuzione Sud' is a tax relief measure authorised by the Italian Government under the umbrella of State aid. It is due to end on 30 June 2022.

It is producing good results in terms of job support and job market recovery in the eight regions where it is being applied. Employers have now called for it to become structural until at least 2029, as was indeed also initially the intention of the Italian Government.

On 1 February 2022, the Commission was asked in Question for written answer E-000406/2022 whether the Italian Government had submitted a proposal to that effect during negotiations on the 2021-2027 Partnership Agreement. On 27 April Commissioner Schmit replied that no such proposal had been received from Italy.

Various Italian government ministers have said at public events and on media channels in the past few weeks that negotiations are under way with the Commission – and with Commissioner for Regional Policy Ferreira in particular – on authorising an extension to the 'Decontribuzione Sud' measure on the basis of the temporary framework for State aid measures to alleviate the impact of the war in Ukraine on the economy, and making it structural thereafter.

In view of the above:

1. Has the Commission received a proposal concerning the 'Decontribuzione Sud' measure or are negotiations under way regarding this?
2. If so, does it believe this measure would comply with the criteria for authorisation under the temporary State aid framework?