

**Priority question for written answer P-000075/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** The Holmene project and conformity with the EU's regional development policy

The EU's cohesion and regional policy seeks to boost economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Member States and their regions by supporting job creation, competitiveness, economic growth, improved quality of life and the green transition. The aim is to correct imbalances between countries and their regions.

There are plans afoot in Denmark to establish a large new business district over 3.1 million square metres in Køge Bay near Copenhagen. Danish municipalities and regions, however, have concerns about whether the project is consistent with the EU's regional development policy. Even though there is plenty of building land available in the Zealand region, the plans involve the creation of nine artificial islands to create a business district in Køge Bay. Find out more about the Holmene project here.<sup>1</sup>

1. Does the Commission take the view that the Holmene project is consistent with the EU's cohesion policy for 2021-2027, including the policy objectives and the joint action plan, which aims to promote the sustainable and integrated development of all regions?
2. Should the Member States follow regional development principles in line with the five policy objectives of the EU's cohesion policy for 2021-2027 and the joint action plan?
3. How does the Commission ensure that Member States meet the objectives and priorities of the EU's cohesion policy for 2021-2027 when public initiatives such as the Holmene project are established?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://holmene.com/english/>