

**Priority question for written answer P-002895/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Rescheduling of Calabria's operational programme for 2014-2020 and certified expenditure

The guidelines on the closure of operational programmes, approved by the Commission with communication C/2022/8836, enable last-minute changes to financing plans to transfer funds between the priority axes of the same programme by 30 September 2023.

However given the swingeing changes to be made to Calabria's regional operational programme (ROP) for 20014-2020 it was decided, together with the Commission, to bring forward the deadline for submitting the proposed modifications to the Monitoring Committee for approval to 20 July 2023.

Given that, as per the answer to question E-002194/2023, the Commission is yet to receive an application to amend Calabria's ROP for 2014-2020, that the region's staff forecast in July 2023 that achieving the final objectives would cost more than EUR 550 million and that the data on certified expenditure to date on the Calabria Region's official website¹ are incorrect, can the Commission say:

1. Whether it has officially received the proposal for the final rescheduling of Calabria's ROP for 2014-2020?
2. What is the amount of certified expenditure for Calabria's ROP for 2014-2020?
3. Whether the risk identified of a shortfall of resources of over 6%, or some EUR 140 million, at the end of the programming period has been definitively averted?

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¹ <https://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/>