

**Priority question for written answer P-003721/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Calabrian operational programme for 2014-2020: coastal erosion and serious risks on state road 18

Calabria has 800 kilometres of coastline, an enormous asset that continues to shrink every year, often owing to mismanagement of the area and excessive human intervention.

One of the areas most prone to coastal erosion is state road 18, which, in the vicinity of Campora San Giovanni (municipality of Amantea), has been at terrible risk for many years, and the state of affairs there became even worse very recently.

The fear is that the state road itself, a strategic thoroughfare whose absence would isolate the region, could soon start to erode, with potential risks to public safety.

In 2017, the Calabria Regional Executive (by means of Decision No 355) established a programme which provided for 25 measures to protect soil and mitigate coastal erosion under the Calabria ROP 2014-2020. Those projects were part of a more comprehensive master plan with a value of some EUR 600 million, including many projects to be supported by means of national funds.

In the light of the above:

1. How much has been spent under Axis 5 of the Calabria ROP and for which specific measures on that stretch of coastline?
2. Have works to protect the coast properly been carried out in Campora San Giovanni or simply 'buffer measures'?
3. Have all 25 projects been or will they be completed by the end of the programming period (E-000078/2020(ASW))?

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