

**Question for written answer E-001622/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Post-2027 multiannual financial framework cohesion policy and the role of regions

A number of scenarios are being assessed for the post-2027 multiannual financial framework. One of them would be to end shared-management programmes and group them into a single national plan, one per Member State, an idea similar to the current Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the payment of which is linked to reforms and investments. In that scenario, it would be very difficult to ensure that sub-state authorities are involved in the setting of spending and investment priorities.

Cohesion policy must be available to all regions, following a territorial approach and upholding the principles of partnership and subsidiarity. Regions must play a greater role in policy implementation by means of shared management and multi-level governance and enhanced dialogue with the European Commission.

These concerns have been conveyed to President von der Leyen in a letter signed by 124 regions.

In view of the above:

Can the Commission confirm that a scenario of that kind exists and, if so, how would it ensure that the regions, as provided for in Article 174 TFEU, continue to set, implement and manage cohesion policy as a tangible solution that can address many challenges?

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