

**Question for written answer E-003063/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU cohesion policies driving central and eastern Europe-western Europe convergence: seeking impacts and funding data, and plans regarding the Three Seas Initiative

Cohesion and convergence are key to ensuring that central and eastern European (CEE) EU Member States reach the same level as western EU Member States.

To that end:

1. What measurable economic impacts, such as changes in gross domestic product growth, employment rates, trade flows, or infrastructure development, can be directly attributed to the implementation of the EU strategies for the Baltic Sea region, for the Danube region and for the Adriatic-Ionian region, which aim to foster economic convergence between CEE and western European Member States?
2. As the Commission is a strategic partner of the Three Seas Initiative, what are the future plans for the Commission to cooperate with this initiative?

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