

Question for written answer E-001873/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Rules for the allocation of EU funding and the autonomy of local authorities

In Poland, there have been cases in which local authorities (*jednostki samorządu terytorialnego* – JSTs) have adopted resolutions objecting to integration centres for foreign nationals being located in their area. In response, provincial governors have warned the JSTs concerned that they might lose access to EU funding, suggesting that opposing government decisions may have negative financial consequences.

In accordance with the principle of financial autonomy for JSTs that stems from the decentralisation of public authority in Poland, the authorities concerned are entitled to have their own budgets and to take decisions within the limits laid down by law.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission allow the granting of EU funding to be conditional on administrative decisions taken by local authorities, such as the adoption or rejection of specific resolutions?
2. Is it consistent with the principles of EU cohesion policy and respect for the autonomy of local authorities to threaten to withdraw EU funding in the event of opposition to the construction and operation of integration centres for foreign nationals?
3. Is the Commission planning to take action to ensure that the allocation of EU funds is not used to bring pressure to bear on local authorities in matters that fall within their remit?

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