

**Question for written answer E-004327/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Andernach geyser's reactivation

The reactivation of the cold-water geyser in Andernach was funded to the tune of EUR 272 000 from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in 2009.¹ The geyser is a natural phenomenon marketed to tourists, with limited economic significance for the region.

1. How does the Commission justify the funding of a regional tourist project with questionable long-term value creation through a structured funding instrument such as the ERDF?
2. What measurable effects – including additional jobs, increase in turnover of local businesses and regional investments – were assessed following the project's completion?
3. What action is the Commission taking to ensure that European structural funds are not diverted towards symbolic or image-boosting individual measures that do not contribute to long-term economic development?

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¹ <https://what-europe-does-for-me.europarl.europa.eu/en/social/16:1570?kind=prj&search=andernach> (consulted on: 15.10.2025).