

Question for written answer E-000579/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Excessive bureaucratic complexity of EU procedures

In recent years, citizens, businesses and local entities have repeatedly pointed to the excessive bureaucratic complexity of EU procedures, characterised by layers of legislation, redundant administrative requirements and implementation timeframes that are often incompatible with the economic and social needs of these areas.

In particular, access to EU funds and the implementation of EU programmes end up weighed down by administrative burdens that are disproportionate to the size of beneficiaries, significantly penalising small and medium-sized enterprises, smaller municipalities and entities with limited administrative capacity.

This situation risks undermining the effectiveness of EU policies, limiting their impact on the ground and fostering a perception of distance between the EU's institutions and citizens, with negative repercussions on trust in the European project.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission push forward a structured and coordinated plan to cut red tape in EU procedures, aimed at significantly reducing the administrative burden for citizens, businesses and local entities, particularly in accessing EU funding?
2. Does it envisage introducing common tools for simplifying and digitalising procedures, in order to ensure precise timeframes, greater transparency and uniform application for EU policies in all Member States?

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