

Question for written answer E-003377/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: National preparation of national and regional partnership plans

Work on the national and regional partnership (NRP) plans referred to in the Commission's proposal for an NRP regulation (COM(2025)0565) is under way in the Member States, while negotiations on the EU's future financial framework are ongoing.

Under the proposal for a regulation, Member States have to organise and implement comprehensive partnerships, with a balanced representation of, for example, regional and local authorities, the economic and social partners, and civil society. The partnership must operate in accordance with the principle of multi-level governance and a bottom-up approach, and the partners must be involved in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the plan. In addition, the implementation of the partnership must comply with the Commission's code of conduct on partnership.

Not all the Member States have yet started drawing up regional partnership plans, which raises the question of whether territoriality can be achieved within the target time frame.

1. How will the Commission ensure that the preparation and implementation of the NRP plans are in line with the final text of the regulation, and that due account is taken of the specific characteristics of regions and the involvement of relevant stakeholders?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take if the preparation or implementation of a Member State's NRP plan does not comply with the requirements of the regulation?

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