

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002570/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Reallocating cohesion funds

Which Member States have so far announced that they intend to use cohesion fund for dual-use items, and if any have, how much will be spent for this purpose?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
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Cohesion policy legislation does not include reporting requirements for Member States as far as dual use projects is concerned. Information on the amounts planned by the Member States for such projects is therefore not available to the Commission.

A study on the contribution of the defence sector to regional development, and vice versa, through the European Structural and Investment Funds in the 2014-2020 programming period was carried out by the Commission showing that around EUR 1 billion was invested in dual use projects in all Member States ⁽¹⁾.

Furthermore, at the General Affairs Council (Cohesion) meeting ⁽²⁾ of 28 November 2024, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania issued and presented a joint declaration calling for facilitation of a dual use approach to investments and for additional and adequate incentives to be foreseen in the financial envelope of cohesion policy in the post-2027 programming period to address the challenges of economic and social convergence, resilience and security.

⁽¹⁾ Study on the Contribution of the defence sector to Regional Development through the European Structural and Investment Funds : https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/study-contribution-defence-sector-regional-development-through-european-structural-and-investment_en

⁽²⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/gac/2024/11/28/>