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**Question for written answer E-001480/25
to the Commission
Marcin Sypniewski (ESN)
(9 April 2025)**

Subject: Just Transition Fund

In light of the start of work on the MFF for the next programming period, I would like to inquire about the fate of the Just Transition Fund. Decarbonisation affects many regions in Europe, including Poland, and especially Silesia.

In this connection:

1. At the current stage of work, is the continued existence of the Just Transition Fund in the new MFF being questioned, and will it retain its current character, i.e. as a separate fund under cohesion policy?
2. At the current stage of work, is the Fund intended as a measure exclusively for regions with a coal-based economy, or is an expansion of its scope envisaged?
3. Please present the current assumptions for the Fund and a timetable for further work.

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(27 May 2025)**

The Commission pays special attention to ensuring that the territories most negatively affected by the costs of the transition towards climate-neutrality receive additional financial support.

The Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key tool aimed at mitigating the socioeconomic effects of the transition process, to ensure that no one and no region is left behind.

On 1 April 2025, the Commission adopted a proposal⁽¹⁾ to amend the cohesion policy regulatory framework to align investment priorities with the evolving context and introduce greater flexibilities to facilitate the implementation of the programmes, including JTF.

The Commission is also preparing the ground for the post-2027 cohesion policy within the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The next MFF will face significant challenges, as outlined in the Commission Communication 'The road to the next multiannual financial framework' ⁽²⁾.

The political guidelines of the President of the Commission ⁽³⁾ and the above-mentioned Communication have set out the objective of a strengthened cohesion and growth policy with regions at the centre.

The proposal for the next MFF will build on a broad consultation, with input at political, institutional and stakeholder level, alongside with active citizens' involvement and will be presented in July 2025.

It is still too early to prejudge the overall architecture of the future MFF, including specific funding instruments and sectorial scope.

⁽¹⁾ Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1058 and (EU) 2021/1056 as regards specific measures to address strategic challenges in the context of the mid-term review COM(2025) 123 final.

⁽²⁾ COM(2025) 46 final.

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.