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**Question for written answer E-003003/25
to the Commission
Rihards Kols (ECR)
(18 July 2025)**

Subject: Unspent and uncommitted cohesion policy funds by Member State in the context of proposal 2025/0103(COD)

Proposal 2025/0103(COD) ⁽¹⁾ intends to amend the regulations governing EU cohesion policy in order to enable the voluntary reallocation of unspent and uncommitted funds under the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF) to defence-related priorities, including dual-use infrastructure, military mobility and support for the European defence industry.

In this context, and for the purposes of legislative scrutiny and budgetary transparency, can the Commission provide the following data:

1. the total amount of unspent cohesion policy funds (in euro) under the 2021-2027 MFF, broken down by Member State and based on the latest available data;
2. the total amount of uncommitted allocations (in euro) from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and related instruments under the current MFF, broken down by Member State;
3. the annual absorption rates of cohesion policy funds for each Member State from 2014 to the latest available year, with figures presented in percentage format and supported by absolute values where possible.

This request concerns solely quantitative data to support an informed evaluation of the financial scope relevant to the legislative proposal under discussion.

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

The total amount of unspent cohesion policy funds ⁽¹⁾ (in EUR) under the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, broken down by Member State are presented in Annex I to Commission's reply.

Unspent amounts are calculated as the difference between the total cohesion policy funds net allocation for each Member State minus the total net payments made up to 20 August 2025 (net pre-financing and net interim payments).

The total amount of uncommitted allocations (in EUR) from the cohesion policy funds, broken down by Member State are presented in Annex II to Commission's reply.

These uncommitted amounts represent the allocations included in the respective programmes' financial plans for years 2026 and 2027, which will be committed (unless transferred to other funds/instruments outside cohesion policy) in line with Article 86(2) of the Common Provisions Regulation ⁽²⁾.

Information on amounts of already selected operations under Member States' programmes can be found on the Open Data Portal ⁽³⁾. Data on selected operations is indicated as 'Decided' amounts and is colour coded in green in the chart.

The cumulative absorption rates of cohesion policy funds ⁽⁴⁾ for each Member State from 2014 to 20 August 2025 are presented in Annex III to Commission's reply.

The absorption rates are calculated as the percentage of net payments made from the respective net allocation by Fund and by Member State.

See annexes: Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3.

¹ Commission proposal of 22 April 2025 for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) 2021/694, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/697, (EU) 2021/1153, (EU) 2023/1525 and 2024/795, as regards incentivising defence-related investments in the EU budget to implement the ReArm Europe Plan (COM(2025)0188).

⁽¹⁾ European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Social Fund, Youth Employment Initiative, REACT-EU, European Social Fund Plus and the Just Transition Fund.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

⁽³⁾ https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/cohesion_overview/21-27/#finance-implementation.

⁽⁴⁾ European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Social Fund, Youth Employment Initiative, REACT-EU, European Social Fund Plus and the Just Transition Fund