

*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-004326/25  
to the Commission  
Alexander Jungbluth (ESN)  
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*Subject:* Electronic mobility in rural areas

The ‘Electronic Mobility in Rural Areas’ project in Rhineland-Palatinate was co-financed under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The project included awareness-raising events including an ‘electronic mobility roadshow’ in Montabaur and a ‘regional forum on the mobility transition’ at Wirges town hall. <sup>(1)</sup>

This initiative has been described as a contribution towards the sea change in transport, although no information on its real-world effects or improvements to infrastructure were publicly available.

1. What view does the Commission take of the amount of ERDF funding granted to the ‘Electronic mobility in rural areas’ project in view of its benefits in terms of infrastructure and transport?
2. What reliable information does the Commission have on whether the project’s publicly funded awareness-raising events have effected real changes in mobility behaviour or led to purchases of electric vehicles?
3. How does the Commission ensure that ERDF funds are not chiefly used for symbolic or communicative measures whose impact on rural mobility is neither measurable nor sustainably verifiable?

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

1. Under shared management, the selection of individual European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) <sup>(1)</sup> operations is the responsibility of the Managing Authority. The Commission’s role is to ensure that operations comply with the programme’s objectives and applicable regulations. According to available information, the project carried the communication and advisory activities foreseen and fully met its objectives.
2. The project aimed to inform towns and companies about alternative modes of transport as well as to support citizens in taking up electric mobility. The various activities (including advisory service, public events and dialogues) contributed to several initiatives, including the extension of the electric vehicle fleet and the implementation of the ‘Sonne Tanken’ project in Altenkirchen, the development of e-carsharing in Neuwied and the significant expansion of the charging infrastructure in Rhineland-Palatinate.
3. Applicable rules require that ERDF-funded projects are selected based on clear selection criteria and have clear objectives contributing to the programme’s objectives, proportionate budgets and verifiable outputs and, where applicable, measurable results. Managing authorities perform administrative and on-the-spot checks while the Commission ensures programme monitoring and carries out audits. Where verifications reveal that activities are not implemented as approved, the Commission may request corrective measures, including financial corrections.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://what-europe-does-for-me.europarl.europa.eu/de/region/16:1565?kind=prj&search=Elektromobilit%C3%A4t%20im%20l%C3%A4ndlichen%20Raum> (as accessed on: 14.10.2025).

<sup>(1)</sup> European Regional Development Fund [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/funding/erdf\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/erdf_en).