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**Question for written answer E-003484/26
to the Commission
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(3 September 2026)**

Subject: Sustainability and manageability at municipal level of the New European Bauhaus following the ‘From vision to implementation’ communication

With communication COM(2025)1026 and the recommendation adopted by the Council on 11 May 2026, the Commission has taken the New European Bauhaus (NEB) into a new phase of implementation. The Committee of the Regions (CoR) adopted an opinion on 22 June 2026, calling in particular for more stable funding, capacity-building and the targeted involvement of smaller municipalities.

1. Is the Commission planning reduced co-financing rates or derogations for NEB funding programmes for structurally weak and rural municipalities, for which existing own contributions are often the key barrier to entry?
2. Given that the technical support required for integrating NEB principles into calls for funding — at programme management level, not individual project funding — can currently only be provided by 10-15 selected managing authorities across the EU, is the Commission planning to extend this programme so that authorities in less structural regions such as Rhineland-Palatinate also receive a similar level of technical support?
3. Will it come forward with specific, multi-annual funding commitments as part of its implementation steps announced for autumn 2026, or will funding continue to depend on one-off calls of limited duration called for by the NEB Facility, especially in view of the fact that the CoR opinion of 22 July 2026 calls for more stable, long-term funding for the NEB?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
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Co-financing is central to cohesion policy, reflecting shared responsibility, co-ownership and active involvement in project selection and implementation, while programme design tailors support to the specific circumstances of regions and beneficiaries.

Cohesion policy rules ⁽¹⁾ define the maximum co-financing rates at priority level, per fund and, where relevant, per category of region. The actual rate for each priority is set in the programme approval decision.

Adjustments require a programme amendment requested by the Member State. Within these parameters, Member States and managing authorities may adjust the level of support for individual operations, subject to applicable rules, including state aid.

With respect to the funding of the New European Bauhaus (NEB), in 2026 and 2027, the Commission supports managing authorities using resources directly managed by the Commission.

Regions can leverage their available technical assistance envelopes to engage specialised experts for tailored guidance and join the Peer-to-Peer NEB community ⁽²⁾, to exchange good practices among public authorities.

For the next multi-annual funding period, the Commission proposes that the NEB continues to be supported through several funding programmes.

The Research and innovation (R&I) component of the NEB Facility would retain a legal basis in the future Framework Programme for R&I (FP10), while the roll-out component might continue to be financed through various programmes, including the National and Regional Partnership Plans Specific Objective aiming at providing NEB solutions in the built environment ⁽³⁾.

The European Competitiveness Fund and Erasmus+ would also be able to support relevant NEB activities in line with their objectives.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, Common Provisions Regulation (CPR).

⁽²⁾ <https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/regio-peer-2-peer-communities/new-european-bauhaus>.

⁽³⁾ Proposal for a National and Regional Partnership Plan Regulation (COM (2025) 565 final/2).