

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-003947/25**  
**to the Commission**  
**Christian Doleschal (PPE)**  
(8 October 2025)

*Subject:* Management and coordination structures referred to in Article 49 of proposal for a regulation COM(2025)0565

In its proposal for a regulation establishing a European fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 (COM(2025)0565), the Commission states in Article 49(1) and (3) that Member States may designate one or more managing authorities, and a coordinating authority must be set up if several managing authorities are appointed.

The federal structure in Germany and other Member States means further clarification is needed.

1. Would the Commission consider it compatible with the new requirements if Germany continued its current practice, in which administrative duties are largely the responsibility of the *Länder*?
2. Does the Federal Government's current role, which covers the operational programmes negotiated by the Commission and the *Länder* under a German partnership agreement, meet the requirements for a coordinating authority under Article 49(3) and Article 50 of the proposal for a regulation?
3. Would the Commission allow a coordinating authority to also be set up at *Länder* level, provided that a national agreement is reached?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission**  
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1. Member States can identify authorities to be set up to manage the Plans, according to their own legal, institutional and administrative framework. The Commission's proposal <sup>(1)</sup> allows for the German *Länder* to have their own regional chapters within the National and Regional Partnership Plan.
2. The governance model for the National and Regional Partnership Plans can be built on the existing implementation structure by adapting it to the coordinating and managing requirements set out in Articles 50 and 51 of the proposal. The Commission recently proposed adjustments to clarify that the coordinating function should not necessarily be performed by a new authority (coordinating authority) and that this responsibility could be taken over by an existing managing authority.
3. The proposal allows Member States to decide on the specific institutional arrangements for setting up the coordinating function. This decision will depend on their administrative structure, provided that the requirements of Article 50 of the proposal are met.

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<sup>(1)</sup> COM(2025)0565.