

**Question for written answer E-015462/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Multi-fund financing

In the period from 2014 to 2020 the EU is laying stronger emphasis on territorial cohesion. Within the legislative framework for European structural and investment funds, the 2014-2020 multi-annual financial framework, as well as being oriented towards thematic concentration, provides special territorial tools (CLLD and ITI) for implementing integrated territorial strategies.

Tapping into different funds would pave the way for integrated local development extending into several priority fields and directed towards clear-cut aims that would be dovetailed together; this would in turn require effective coordination, observing the new rules established by the common strategic framework.

Given that combining funds is continuing to pose a challenge to stakeholders, especially where ITI is concerned, will the Commission encourage Member States – and, if so, how – to adopt an approach to territorial investment genuinely based on multi-fund financing, the object being to bring about synergies among funds in particular areas and to resolve challenges more comprehensively?