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to the Commission**

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Subject: Extension of reporting with the N+3 mechanism

For the 2014-2020 programming period for EU funds, regions may use the N+3 mechanism to report on their management of EU funds.

This means the regions have until 2023 to complete the whole process of launching tenders, managing them, monitoring beneficiaries and paying the monies due.

At the same time, beneficiaries, or more specifically, companies have until the end of March / April 2023 to complete their material and / or financial investments.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on this programming period. Its effects (higher raw material costs and late delivery times for many raw materials and components, such as microchips, iron and steel, for example) are preventing many companies from finalising their investments before the aforesaid deadline, with all the repercussions this will have on production and finances as a result.

Would the Commission agree, therefore, that a further one-year deferral should be considered to help the regions complete reporting on funding for the 2014-2020 programming period and to give companies, in their turn, time up to March / April 2024 to complete planned investment?