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European Economic and Social Committee  
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### Request to European Economic and Social Committee for exploratory opinion

Dear Mr Dassis,

Concerning the preparation of legislative framework for programming period 2021-2027 we would like to convey a request to the European Economic and Social Committee for the elaboration of an exploratory opinion under the title “What kind of advantages the Community-led Local Development multi-funded approach creates for integrated local and rural development”.

Specifically we would like to know what have been the benefits for Member States and bottlenecks that have appeared in the Member States that have already been implementing CLLD multi-funds and how they have resolved these bottlenecks. In addition we would like to ask you to explain in this exploratory opinion how CLLD multi-funds have been implemented in urban and peri-urban areas and what kind of positive effects can emerge for urban and rural development while implementing CLLD in urban areas.

The CLLD multi-fund mechanism, that bases on the growing responsibility of communities for their living and working environment, included in the European Common Strategic Framework for Structural and Cohesion Funds, can have a real added value in the efforts to promote economic and social cohesion throughout the European Union and achieve long lasting growth.

I am confident that the EESC has the appropriate expertise to provide an exploratory opinion on the aforementioned topic, in time, and I look forward to our further cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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