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All Member States have shared with the Commission early drafts of their Partnership Agreements and the Commission has given feedback on those. As of 29 January, three Member States have submitted their Partnership Agreements formally and the Commission is analysing those carefully to ensure a sufficient level of quality and will make observations to Member States as needed.

In relation to overall progress, Romania has shared its draft Partnership Agreement and received the Commission's feedback on it. According to the regulation, Romania has until 22 April 2014 to submit the Partnership Agreement formally, after which Commission will analyse it and make any necessary observations. The current plans foresee a submission in early February, taking up the comments by the Commission from the informal feedback.

No operational programmes have been formally submitted so far for any Member State.