

**Question for written answer E-006726/2014
to the Commission**
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In November 2013 the European Parliament adopted the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework of the European Union.

Under that framework, EUR 351.8 billion have been earmarked for cohesion policy. This will be the EU's principal investment tool with a view to attaining the Europe 2020 objectives of creating growth and jobs, tackling climate change, cutting energy dependence and reducing poverty and social exclusion.

With this in mind, each Member State was asked to draw up an operational programme for negotiation with the Commission.

1. What is the state of play with regard to the negotiations with the different Member States?
2. When will it be possible for EU funds to be allocated to each Member State?