

**Question for written answer E-009853/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Adoption of Structural Fund Operational Programmes

Following on from the debate at the plenary sitting on 12 November 2014 regarding the delays in the start-up of cohesion policy for 2014-2020, the questioners wish to express their concern over the fact that operational programmes have not been approved for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the Cohesion Fund and that, according to estimates, no more than 100 will have been adopted for the whole of the EU by the end of the year.

While realising that the Commissioner has taken up office only this month and therefore no criticism may be made of her, the following questions are posed:

1. Can the Commission indicate the exact state of play as regards the adoption of the partnership agreements and operational programmes, and the estimated timeframe for starting their implementation?
2. What measures does the Commission plan to take to speed up programming and facilitate the implementation of the operational programmes?
3. What are the main problems encountered, and by which Member States?