

**Question for written answer E-010638/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Preparation and adoption of Operational Programmes - Croatia

Recently in the European Parliament, there was discussion of the delay in the preparation of the Operational Programmes that are needed in order to start drawing down European funds in the period 2014–2020.

As it is the European Commission and the Croatian Government that are responsible for adopting the Operational Programmes, I am interested in the following questions, as a representative of the Republic of Croatia:

- What is the status of the preparation and adoption of the Operational Programmes for the implementation of the Cohesion Policy, which, in respect of the Republic of Croatia, sets out measures and activities for the effective use of EUR 8463 billion from the European investment fund for 2014–2020 (the Operational Programme in the area of competitiveness and cohesion, and the Operational Programme in the area of effective human resources)?
- When are these Operational Programmes expected to be adopted, and what are the main problems giving rise to the delay?