

**Question for written answer E-003250/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Delayed adoption of the operational programme for cross-border cooperation SLO - HR 2014 - 2020

As a former prefect of the Istria County, which in the Republic of Croatia borders with Slovenia, I had the opportunity to personally participate in the realisation of the Cross-border Cooperation Programme SLO - HR 2007 – 2013. I am therefore well acquainted with the benefits of this programme for the development of the area I come from. Due to problems in the functioning of the governing body, this programme has experienced difficulties and delays in the implementation of projects; problems which have escalated in the past two years. The new programme SLO - HR 2014 - 2020 is being prepared and, according to available information, the programming process is not yet complete, the latter being a necessary prerequisite for fast and efficient implementation of the programme.

Does the European Commission have a final planned date for the adoption of programming documents for cross-border cooperation programmes in the EU in order to avoid unintended consequences and the loss of funds?

What is the situation on the adoption of programming documents for the SLO - HR 2014 – 2020 programme, i.e. is there a delay in relation to other cross-border cooperation programmes?