

Question for written answer E-003796/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, and Article 23 thereof, on measures linking the effectiveness of the ESIF Funds to sound economic governance

Article 23 of **Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund contains measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance which is known, in other words, as 'macro-economic conditionality' or 'macro-conditionality'**.

I have been appointed the Parliament's rapporteur for the Communication from the Commission on the guidelines for the application of the **measures linking the effectiveness of the** ESIF funds to sound economic governance, in terms of Article 23 of **Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. In the light of the** forthcoming debates to be held in the European Parliament and with a view to drawing up the corresponding report, could the Commission clarify whether any specific studies or analyses have been published on the relationship between macro-economic policies and the cohesion policy?

Could the Commission provide specific data on the percentage of execution of the specific recommendations by country and of the Council's recommendations?

The 2013 strategic report contains data on reprogramming. Could the Commission provide more up-to-date figures relating to reprogramming in general during the preceding programming period?