

**Question for written answer E-003800/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, and Article 23 thereof, on measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment 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 these** European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance, in other words, 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 in the European Parliament and with a view to drawing up the corresponding report:

How does the Commission intend to involve the partners in the ambit of the application of Article 23, considering that the horizontal principles laid down in Article 4(7), including the principle of cooperation, fall to be applied?

Does it know what configuration of the Council will take decisions under the pertinent provisions of Article 23?

Can it clarify what criteria will be followed in selecting the programmes and/or priorities to be suspended?