

**Question for written answer E-006119/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Status of the implementation of the EU's Cross-border Cooperation (CBC) Programme 2007-2013 between Slovenia and Croatia

In my oral and written questions to the former European Commissioner for Regional Development, Mr Johannes Hahn, I repeatedly pointed out problems in the management of the EU's 2007-2013 Programme of Cross-border Cooperation between Slovenia and Croatia, which is creating financial difficulties for users of these funds in the county of Istria in Croatia.

I was recently again informed of long delays in the reimbursement of resources already spent, for example in REVITAS as well as in some other projects; this is creating a huge financial burden for smaller local government units and a need for additional borrowing, thus reducing the effects of project implementation. Specifically, we are talking about a three-year delay in reimbursement from when the activities were carried out.

1. Is the Commission aware of the problems involved in the management of this programme?
2. What measures is the Commission planning to take to help solve the problems of managing this programme and accelerate the reimbursement of the resources spent?