

**Question for written answer E-000790/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Status of fulfilment of *ex ante* preconditions for the use of ESI funds in the Member States

Ex ante preconditions are defined in the operational programmes of the Member States. Some of the operational programme priorities cannot begin to be carried out until the *ex ante* preconditions are fulfilled, and the deadline for fulfilment is 31 December 2016, which is rather late for successfully using ESI funds and avoiding decommitment.

Could the Commission prepare and provide me with a review of the state of fulfilment of the *ex ante* preconditions in the Member States, broken down by individual Member State and detailing the status (fulfilled or unfulfilled)? What steps does the Commission intend to take to accelerate fulfilment of the *ex ante* preconditions?