

**Question for written answer E-003245/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Use of the European Social Fund in Croatia

According to Croatian media reports, the Croatian Ministry of Culture has decided not to organise any further calls for proposals for the 'media and communities' programme, which forms part of Croatia's ESF operational programme, 'Efficient Human Resources 2014-2020'. A total of HRK 30.6 million has been earmarked for the media and communities programme.

Bearing the above points in mind:

How much funding was allocated to Croatia in 2014 and 2015 – and how much of it has been used – for the operational programme (Efficient Human Resources 2014-2020), that is to say, for the media and communities programme?

To what extent is the Commission involved in laying down the application arrangements and programmes within a given operational programme? Does it take any steps if planned programmes are cancelled?