

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2480/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Delay in the approval of the Community support framework for Spain

Before 1 November 1999 the Spanish Government submitted the regional development programme for 2000 to 2006 for the Spanish regions covered by Objective 1 of the European Structural Funds. In accordance with Article 15(4) and (5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds¹, the Commission should have adopted a decision on the contribution from the Funds not later than five months after receiving the plan, in other words by 1 April 2000.

Why is the Commission being so slow to approve the Community support framework for Spain?

Is it the case that the RDP initially submitted by the Spanish Government was incomplete and wanting because it did not contain all the features listed in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999?

What additional information has the Commission requested?

In particular, has it asked how the Fund contribution is to be shared out in detail among the different Autonomous Communities?

When did the Spanish Government supply the additional information requested by the Commission?

¹ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1