

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0013/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of the Community initiative Interreg III, strand A

What is causing the delay in the approval of the 50 to 60 Community initiative programmes under Interreg III A since the start of the new financing period on 1 January 2000? In particular, until when can the amount allocated for Interreg III A funding in the indicative financial plans be paid to those carrying out projects in the areas covered by the programmes? Does the Commission see any risk that it might not be possible for the Interreg III A funds earmarked in the indicative financial plans to be paid to the recipient regions in full, and that the ERDF contribution to the Interreg III A programmes might be reduced accordingly pursuant to Article 31(2)(2) of the General Regulation governing the Structural Funds? How many programme complements have there been so far in respect of Interreg III A Community initiative programmes already approved?