

**Question for written answer E-004881/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Project selection trends in the 2007-2013 cohesion policy programming period

The Commission's report entitled 'Cohesion policy: Strategic report 2013 on programme implementation 2007-2013' provides the second strategic overview of the implementation of the 2007-2013 cohesion policy programmes, which are due to end in 2015. It also provides a summary of the socio-economic challenges Member States are facing in the implementation of the EU-funded programmes.

Five years into the programming period and four years before its end, the reported financial volume of projects selected was EUR 246 billion, representing 71% of available EU resources. There is a variation in the selection of projects by themes within the Member States, with some themes (e.g. roads, other business support, social infrastructure and culture heritage and tourism) ahead of the average while others are behind (e.g. innovation and R&D, rail, IT services and broadband, energy and capacity building).

Could the Commission provide information on the project selection trends, broken down by Member State and indicating the three most popular themes chosen by each Member State?