

**Question for written answer E-006868/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Implementation of the structural and cohesion funds

As of 31 May 2013, according to the Commission, 100% of the commitment appropriations in the financial framework for 2007-2014 had been allocated in all the funds and all countries. The Commission has also reported that just over 50% of the commitments relating to the ERDF and the ESF had been paid, and a little over 40% of those relating to the Cohesion Fund.

Does the Commission believe that these payment percentages are in line with the programming, or are there significant differences (positive or negative) in some funds and Member States?

Could the Commission also provide the following information regarding implementation, broken down by fund and country, as of 31 May:

- outstanding payment amounts for the period 2000-2006,
- cancellations of commitments (under the N+2 or N+3 rules or other legislation) since 1 January 2007, for each of the programming periods 2000-2006 and 2007-2013,
- outstanding payment requests lodged by the Member States?