

**Question for written answer E-005058/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund for the 2014-2020 period

The Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund are a key tool in narrowing the development disparities that exist between regions and Member States. Therefore, the funds play an important role in pursuing the goal of economic, social and territorial cohesion. Malta has submitted its Partnership Agreement to the Commission and is in the process of finalising it in order to be able to benefit from the funds.

Is the Commission in a position to state, in this connection, when Malta's Partnership Agreement and operational programmes are expected to be approved?