

**Question for written answer E-002136/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial implementation of the 'Competitiveness and Cohesion' programme - April 2018

In the second part of last year, we received a reply from the Commission on the state of utilisation of the 'Competitiveness and Cohesion' programme in Croatia for 2014 -2020, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF). According to available information, the amount of EU funds for Croatia amounts to EUR 6.83 billion (ERDF: EUR 4.32 billion, CF: EUR 2.51 billion). At that time, the financial implementation rate (payments to customers) was quite low, and stood at 5.4%. Given that it is 2018, four years since the start of the financial perspective, can the Commission answer the following:

- 1) Has there been any improvement in the overall project selection rate and financial implementation rate in the meantime?
- 2) What is the state of play in the implementation of the European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund for the years 2014 to 2020 for the Republic of Croatia?