

**Question for written answer E-002137/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) - April 2018

In the second half of last year, we received a reply from the Commission on the state of utilisation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in Croatia for the 2014 -2020 period. According to available information, the total value of operational programmes amounts to EUR 348 759 346, of which EUR 252 643 138 was contributed by the EU. At that time, the payments to beneficiaries amounted to EUR 23 882 986 or 6.85% of total public funding, indicating that no payment request had been submitted to the Commission. Given that it is 2018, four years since the start of the financial perspective, could the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1) Has there been any improvement in the project selection rate and financial implementation rate in the meantime?
- 2) What is the situation regarding the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) for the 2014 -2020 period in the Republic of Croatia?