

**Question for written answer E-000372/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Operational programmes under the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy

In December 2020, a political agreement between Parliament and the European Council was reached on the Commission's proposals for the 2021-2027 Common Provisions Regulation, the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund.

These funds should have been operational as from 1 January 2021, however, in order for the money to be disbursed, the Member States must first prepare their operational programmes, which then have to be approved by the Commission.

1. When did the Commission start to work with the regional and local authorities on the preparation of the operational programmes and what is the current state of negotiations with individual Member States, in particular with Poland?
2. Have all the Member States already prepared and submitted their operational programmes to the Commission?
3. When does the Commission expect to conclude the negotiations and accept the operational programmes?