

**Question for written answer E-000991/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Eligibility period for expenditure under the 2014-2020 programming period

Having regard to the Commission notice<sup>1</sup> on the Guidelines on the closure of operational programmes adopted for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (2014-2020), and taking into account the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013<sup>2</sup> whereby the maximum period of eligibility for expenditure for the 2014-2020 programming period may not exceed 31 December 2023, could the Commission please state, in the light of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic consequences of rising energy, construction material and fuel prices, and the war in Ukraine and its present and future economic and humanitarian consequences, whether it is considering, at this point, extending the eligibility period for expenditure under the 2014-2020 programming period beyond 31 December 2023? Have any Member States made official requests regarding the possibility of extension?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://op.europa.eu/ro/publication-detail/-/publication/e3ebf9b3-2c88-11ec-bd8e-01aa75ed71a1>

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Title VII, Chapter III. Eligibility of expenditure and durability. Article 65. Eligibility. (2) Expenditure shall be eligible for a contribution from the ESI Funds if it has been incurred by a beneficiary and paid between the date of submission of the programme to the Commission or from 1 January 2014, whichever is earlier, and 31 December 2023. In addition, the expenditure shall only be eligible for a contribution from the EAFRD if the relevant aid is actually paid by the paying agency between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2023.