

**Question for written answer E-014766/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Impact of repealing Article 79 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

The 2014 payments crisis has done lasting damage to the credibility of the European Union. The negligence of Member States and the gap that they have chosen to maintain between payment ceilings and commitment volumes have tarnished the reputation of the European institutions. Although I believe that the first step should be to review the structure of our own resources system, we need to act to prevent this situation from happening again.

Having scrutinised Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 laying down common provisions on the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the EAFRD and the EMFF<sup>1</sup>, it has come to my attention that Article 79 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, which capped pre-financing and interim payments at 95%, with the remaining 5% paid at closure of the funds, has been done away with.

1. What is the estimated amount of the final balances paid per fund?
2. What impact will this measure have on the volume of interim payments under the various funds?

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).