Question for written answer E-015829/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Dariusz Rosati (PPE)

Subject: Spending of EU funds from the 2007-2013 period

The deadline for spending EU funds from the 2007-2013 period passed on 31 December 2015. For a number of reasons, however, the spending of part these funds has been delayed – in Poland's rail sector, for example, where only 80 % of the funds earmarked for it have been used. Many other Member States are having the same problem.

Given that it is not possible to extend the deadline for spending EU funds from the 2007-2013 period, would it be possible to split ongoing projects into phases, thereby making it possible to finance delayed projects under the new financial perspective (for the 2014-2020 period)?

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