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**Question for written answer E-001547/26
to the Commission
Sandro Gozi (Renew)
(15 April 2026)**

Subject: Use of Horizon Europe funds 2014-2020 in the outermost regions

The Horizon Europe programme for 2014-2020 has now wound up, following the closure of accounting records on 31 December 2025. However, questions remain as to the actual use of the funds allocated, particularly in the outermost regions.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following question:

For EU funds (ESF, EMFF, ERDF, EAFRD) under the 2014-2020 programming period — programmes that closed on 31 December 2023, with accounting operations finalised on 31 December 2025 — what amounts for each of the outermost regions were decommitted or left unused?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
(16 July 2026)**

The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the below breakdown per requested fund.

Horizon 2020: The table in Annex 1 provides the Horizon 2020 results per EU outermost regions at nomenclature of territorial units for statistics at level 2 (NUTS2).

The table is structured by outermost region (NUTS2 code and name) and the corresponding estimated decommitted amount. All provided figures should be understood as approximations (see disclaimer and methodology in Annex 1).

European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Tables 1 and 2 in Annex 2 provide the results for EAFRD and EURI outermost regions respectively.

The 2014-2020 rural development programmes were extended by two additional years under Regulation (EU) 2020/2220, thereby covering the period 2014-2022.

According to the new legal provisions, the eligibility and implementation period of these programmes ended only on 31 December 2025.

Member States are required to submit the final accounts, annual implementation reports and related closure documents by 30 June 2026, the data presented per outermost region in Annex 2 should be then considered provisional.

The final programme balances, including the final amounts to be decommitted, can only be established after the assessment and clearance of the final financial data.

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, European Social Fund, European Regional Development Fund: The closure deadline for the Member States to submit the closure documents was extended to 15 February 2026, the Commission's analysis of the 2014-2020 programmes' closure documents is still ongoing, so there are no consolidated figures yet on decommitments or unused amounts for the outermost regions.
