

PRESIDENCY COMPROMISE TEXT

[The following articles replace articles 27-30 of the draft general regulation]

CHAPTER III STRATEGIC FOLLOW-UP

Article 27

Strategic reporting by the Member States

1. For the first time in 2007, each Member State shall include in its annual implementation report on the National Reform Programme a concise section on the contribution of the operational programmes co-financed by the funds towards the implementation of the National Reform Programme.
2. At the latest by the end of 2009 and 2012, the Member States shall provide a concise report containing information on the contribution of the programmes co-financed by the funds towards implementing the objectives of cohesion policy as established by the Treaty and further detailed in the Community Strategic Guidelines referred to in Article 23 and specified in the priorities set by the national strategic reference framework referred to in Article 25.
3. Each Member State shall define the content of the report referred to in subparagraph 2 above, with a view to identifying:
 - a) the socio-economic situation and trends;
 - b) achievements, challenges and future prospects in relation to implementation of the agreed strategy; and
 - c) examples of good practice.
4. References to the National Reform Programme in this article relate to the Integrated Guidelines for Growth and Jobs 2005-08 and shall equally apply to any equivalent guidelines decided upon by the European Council.

Article 28

**Strategic reporting by the European Commission
and debate on cohesion policy**

1. For the first time in 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall include in its Annual Progress Report to the Spring European Council a section summarising the reports of the Member States referred to in article 27 subparagraph 1.
2. In the years 2010 and 2013 and at the latest by 1 April, the Commission prepares a strategic report summarising the reports of the Member States referred to in article 27 subparagraph 2. As appropriate, it shall be incorporated as a specific section in the report referred to under article 159 of the Treaty.
3. The Council shall examine the report referred to in subparagraph 2 above as soon as possible after its publication. It shall be submitted to the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and these institutions invited to hold a debate on it.

Article 29

Cohesion report

1. The report of the Commission referred to in Article 159 of the Treaty shall include in particular:
 - a) a record of the progress made on economic and social cohesion, including the socio-economic situation and development of the regions, as well as the integration of Community priorities;
 - b) a record of the role of the Funds, the EIB and the other financial instruments, as well as the effect of other Community and national policies on the progress made.

2. The report shall also contain, if necessary:
 - a) any proposals on Community measures and policies which should be adopted in order to strengthen economic and social cohesion;
 - b) any proposed adjustments to the strategic guidelines on cohesion needed to reflect changes in Community policy.

ANNEX (for information only)

Sequence of reporting

Year	Member State	Commission	Council/EP/CoR/ESC
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise section for the Lisbon implementation report - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) - 4th Cohesion Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise section for the Lisbon implementation report - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise report on implementation of cohesion policy (including section for the Lisbon implementation report) - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise section for the Lisbon implementation report - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) - Strategic report summarising the MS concise report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR - Examination and debate on the strategic report on cohesion
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise section for the Lisbon implementation report - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) - 5th Cohesion Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise report on implementation of cohesion policy (including section for the Lisbon implementation report) - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concise section for the Lisbon implementation report - Annual implementation report for each OP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section in the Annual Progress Report to Spring Council (APR) - Strategic report summarising the MS concise report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Council debate on APR - Examination and debate on the strategic report on cohesion

(a) If the European Council decides to change the operation of the Lisbon processes then the references above will apply to the equivalent reports in future;

(b) Annual reporting on each Operational Programme continues until the final report in 2016.