

PA - Timeframe for Observations - What is the timeline for the Submission and Approval of the Partnership Agreement?

A Partnership Agreement (PA) submitted through SFC2014 will be considered as the official PA of the Member State.

Each Member State shall submit its PA to the Commission by 22 April 2014 (Article 14(4)). That means that the last day for submission is 21 April 2014.

After the submission, Commission has 3 months to provide observations (Article 16(1)), and 4 months to adopt a decision approving the PA (Article 16(2)).

Note that the time the Member State uses for providing replies to Commission observations does not count towards the 4 month deadline (Article 3).

For more information please refer to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32013R1303:EN:NOT>

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