

**Question for written answer E-000053/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Commission response to written question on destruction of EU-funded projects

1. The Commission has only provided partial responses to my question E-009278/2011.
 - a. The answers to questions E-4514/2009 and E-4637/2009 referred to cover only the value of the damages which occurred up to September 2009. Could the Commission confirm the total cost to date?
 - b. Question E-009278/2011 also requested the Commission to list all projects destroyed for the period 2001-October 2011. Will the Commission provide such a list?
2. In reply to part 4 of my question E-4637/2009 the Commission stated that: 'The Commission has not received so far any compensation from Israel for damages to EC-funded projects.'
 - a. Has the Commission since then received any compensation for these damages?
 - b. If not, how does the Commission intend in its contacts with Israel to deal with the need for the EU to receive compensation for such damages?
 - c. Does the Commission intend to deduct the total costs of the projects destroyed from the funds it makes available to Israel in the context of the EU-Israel Association Agreement (e.g. the €14 million allocated under the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan for 2007-2013)?
 - If not, what are the reasons for not doing so?
 - What other possible ways and means are there for the EU to obtain compensation?
 - d. Does the Commission acknowledge the need for codified procedures to be adopted to deal with instances of destruction of EU taxpayer-funded projects by third countries which enjoy preferential trade agreements with the EU, e.g. by obliging those countries to refrain from such acts of destruction, and, in the event of destruction, through the provision of compensation or other effective remedies?
 - e. How does the Commission defend its current policy or lack thereof as formulated in the above to EU taxpayers, who find themselves in such a very difficult economic and financial situation?
 - How does the Commission intend to deal with the possible destruction of EU projects by the Israeli armed forces in the future? Will the Commission detail what discussions have taken place with the Israeli authorities on the need for such compensation to be provided? If not, what are the reasons for not doing so?