

**Question for written answer E-007544/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Spending on RDI

The austerity policies imposed on debtor countries have led to cuts in all fields, and particularly in RDI efforts, which will only serve to widen the technology gap that was largely responsible for placing these countries in a debt situation, due to recurrent external deficits.

Does the Commission intend to make efforts to ensure that spending on RDI is excluded from fiscal stability calculations?