

**Question for written answer E-007684/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Deficit limit

Under Spain's decentralised system of government, the Autonomous Communities are responsible for state welfare services, including public health, education and social services.

Of all expenditure-based adjustments in the period 2010–2013, the Autonomous Communities carried out 56 %, local corporations 31.6 %, and the central government and social security the remaining 12.4 %.

The EU allowed Spain a greater degree of flexibility over its deficit by relaxing the target from 3 % to 6.3 %; the Spanish Government subsequently raised the Autonomous Communities' limit from 1.1 % to 1.2 % in 2013.

Does the Commission consider the decision to allow a greater degree of internal flexibility over deficit to be in line with the spirit under which it permitted a 3.3 % rise in Spain's overall deficit?

Is the Commission responsible for the internal redistribution, or does the decision rest exclusively with the Spanish Government?