

**Question for written answer E-007686/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Fiscal deficit limits and emerging from the crisis

Catalonia allocates 40 % of its budget to the Department of Health, as public health is one of the Autonomous Government's areas of influence and responsibility; as a result, considerable efforts have to be made to balance the books since the current system leaves the Autonomous Government with scant opportunity to manage its own finances.

In view of the above, what is the Commission's view of the fact that the central government is setting aside 83.3 % of the EU-approved 2015 deficit limit for itself and allocating only 16.7 % to the Autonomous Communities?

What is its view of the fact that, after four years of austerity which are beginning to bear fruit in dynamic economies such as Catalonia, the central government is piling on the pressure by imposing a further deficit reduction of EUR 3.3 billion?

Does it have any current or future plans or schemes to directly compensate Europe's most dynamic regions, which are forced to withstand greater budgetary pressure in order to stimulate the economic recovery?