

**Question for written answer E-008029/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: The European Union's commitment to innovative methods of development financing

In 2015 UN member states will assess the results of the millennium goals and will have to adopt a new development agenda.

To date, of the 28 EU Member States, only Luxembourg, Sweden, the UK and Denmark have succeeded in committing 0.7% of their gross national income to Official Development Assistance (ODA) in accordance with aims established in 2005, when the objectives were adopted.

Consequently new aid channels must be developed alongside ODA, which must be maintained. In this respect more and more innovative financing systems are being developed, such as Unitaid, which derives over half its funding from a levy on airline tickets. The levy is a small fee added to the total price of an airline ticket; it is used to finance access to treatment, and diagnostics for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in low-income countries.

Does the EU intend to support and develop innovative financing as part of its post-2015 development policy?