

**Question for written answer E-000305/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Increase in corruption in Turkey

In Transparency International's recently published worldwide Corruption Perceptions Index, Turkey has slipped from 45th place to 64th in terms of its efforts to combat corruption. The reasons for the downgrading are unclear, but the country has seen a trend towards rising levels of corruption for a number of years now.

1. How does the Commission intend to support Turkey in its efforts to combat corruption?
2. Does the Commission see the problem of corruption as a temporary one associated with the Erdogan Government, or as something rooted in the country's institutions?
3. Does the Commission take the view that Turkey's poor showing on tackling corruption will affect its prospects of becoming integrated into Europe?