

**Question for written answer E-001046/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU financing and participation at Expo 2015

Article 05 08 80 of the EU budget details the substantial appropriations intended to finance European Union participation at the 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life' World Exposition 2015 in Milan. In detail, the allocation provided for therein amounts to more than EUR 12 million – the main purpose of which is to cover the cost of EU participation in the Italian pavilion.

With reference to the written answer to question E-006631/2014, detailing not only the very real corruption risks in large public works in Italy, such as the World Expo 2015, but also the European Commission's intention to prevent corruption by urging Member States to take advantage of every existing national and EU tool to fight crime in its many forms, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. In view of the serious proven cases of corruption and the persistent high levels of risk described in the Commission's Anti-Corruption report 2014, does it not consider European Union participation in Expo 2015 to be wholly inappropriate?
2. Should David Wilkinson, as Commissioner General of the EU for Expo 2015, offer to withdraw European Union participation from the Exposition, in order to send a clear message on the fight against corruption and organised crime?