

**Question for written answer E-002265/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Lack of checks on EU subsidies

Checks on the spending of EU subsidies do not look at whether the project was effective. This is what the Dutch Court of Audit claims<sup>1</sup>.

By way of example the Court cites an integration project at a Regional Training Centre in Groningen. This centre (Alfa College) receives a subsidy on the basis of the number of immigrants participating the project.

The Court also looked at projects subsidised in the Netherlands, including a EUR 260 000 subsidy for a salmon smokehouse producing tailor-made salmon pieces to go on toast canapés.

1. Can the Commission explain why no checks at all were carried out on the effectiveness of the EUR 150 billion in EU subsidies paid out of taxpayer's money from the Member States, all of which are having to make drastic savings?
2. What conclusions does the Commission draw from the findings of the Court of Audit, and what measures will it take to halt senseless subsidies immediately and prevent them in future?
3. How much subsidy is paid out per immigrant?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.rekenkamer.nl/Publicaties/Onderzoeksrapporten/Introducties/2014/02/EU\\_trendrapport\\_2014](http://www.rekenkamer.nl/Publicaties/Onderzoeksrapporten/Introducties/2014/02/EU_trendrapport_2014)