

Question for written answer E-002522/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Subsidies for intensive livestock farming

In the years 2002 to 2011, the European Union provided intensive livestock farming in third countries with 218 million euros in funds. In so doing, the EU is supporting the same kind of animal cruelty that it has pledged to prevent in the internal market.

Intensive livestock farming was financed via the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), with a proportion of approximately 63 per cent coming from Germany. EU citizens are therefore also financing animal cruelty in third countries indirectly.

The numerous ambiguities give rise to the following questions:

1. Will the Commission check whether the claims regarding the financing of intensive livestock farming are true?
2. If this report is true, does the Commission have any suggestions as to how this can be counteracted?
3. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) invests available funds in agro-industrial projects. Where do the rest of the funds that indirectly come from EU citizens go?