Question for written answer E-002670/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Karima Delli (Verts/ALE) and Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Parliament involvement in the Juncker plan

The investment plan currently being drawn up by the Commission, known as the Juncker plan, is set to inject EUR 21 billion into the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). The European Investment Bank (EIB) has committed EUR 5 billion, while the EU has pledged EUR 8 billion in guarantees, which will effectively be worth double that.

Of the EU's EUR 8 billion, EUR 6 billion had already been earmarked for other programmes and will therefore have to be reallocated. The two programmes concerned are the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), which deals with European transport and networks.

Parliament, which adopts the budget with the Council, was not consulted about the reallocations. What is more, the EFSI is to be run jointly by the EIB and the Commission.

- 1. Given that it is accountable to Parliament in matters concerning the EU budget, does the Commission intend to consult Parliament on the reallocations carried out to the detriment of the CEF and Horizon 2020?
- 2. Will Parliament be able to exercise its right to scrutinise the use of EFSI funds?

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