

**Question for written answer E-004662/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cohesion policy and cities

The guidelines for the EU's new cohesion policy contain legally binding provisions concerning urban areas, and more particularly their involvement in the programming phase. The proposal itself does not, however, seem to prioritise the practical involvement of representatives of cities and urban areas in the relevant policy-making processes.

Will the Commission systematically apply the partnership principle when implementing programmes and projects which receive EU funding, focusing in particular on the involvement of cities and towns in the management and governance of the programmes?

Does it intend to introduce measures which require governments and national and local representatives to set out their requirements and specific local priorities so that future EU policies for urban areas and the 'cities of tomorrow' are developed in a collaborative, coordinated way?