

**Question for written answer E-004702/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Candidacy for EU funds of projects under the responsibility of a previously convicted person

According to Croatian law a previously convicted person can again run for and hold political office, and thus be responsible for local or regional government projects proposed to compete for funds from various programmes of the European Union. Since such a possibility has given rise to various contradictory interpretations of EU regulations by the Croatian public, I ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Are there any obstacles to such a person, as a person responsible in a local or regional self-government unit or in a public company or institution, signing documents needed for project proposals for European funds?
2. Can, according to existing regulations, nominated projects be rejected or awarded less points for this reason?