

**Question for written answer E-004999/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Aid for small- and medium-sized businesses in the Mediterranean

One of the declared objectives of the European Neighbourhood Policy for the south of the Mediterranean, enshrined in the Union for the Mediterranean, is to propose policies for facilitating the advancement of small- and medium-sized businesses through instruments of financial and technical assistance based on the principle of co-ownership.

Seven years on from setting this goal, what progress has been made towards achieving it?