

Question for written answer E-005134/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Green Paper - European Transparency Initiative

The Green Paper on the European Transparency Initiative from 2006 refers inter alia to the EU Commission having a duty to raise public awareness of the use of EU funds. However, with 'joint management', where almost 80 % of all EU funds are managed by national payment agencies, providing information becomes the responsibility of Member States. Here the requirement for transparency comes up against the national data protection rules, with greater importance being attached to national sensitivities.

1. Is the Commission under President Jean-Claude Juncker considering the introduction of a new initiative in order to ensure maximum transparency in the context of the joint management of funds as well, thus restoring EU citizens' trust in the Union?
2. Are there any plans to gradually include the areas assisted in a central database in order to be able to check cash flows into national States for irregularities and fraud more effectively and more quickly?