

Question for written answer E-005553/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: The EU's one billion euro handout to the Balkans

According to Commissioner Hahn, the EU has pledged EUR 1 billion to the Balkans by way of support for 'infrastructure projects'¹. In the Netherlands, meanwhile, car drivers find themselves in traffic jams every day.

Does the Commission think it a good idea to donate EUR 1 billion to Europe's most corrupt countries? Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia record highly unsatisfactory scores on Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index², with an average of 3.8.

Can the Commission say on what 'infrastructure projects' the EUR 1 billion will be spent and how it will be checked that the money is spent lawfully?

How does the Commission explain the fact that a one billion euro present is to be given to the Balkans while taxpayers in the Netherlands find themselves in traffic jams every day?

¹ <http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/west-balkan-six-concludes-in-pristina-eu-pledges-infrastructure-funds>