

**Question for written answer E-005824/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU funds for Cross Border

Cross Border Øresund is a collaboration between Denmark and Sweden in the Øresund region. Among other things, the collaboration aims to create a shared labour market in the region and increase employment. Its tasks include helping border workers and students as well as employers wishing to recruit a labour force on the other side of the Øresund (the strait between the two countries). The project has therefore received funds from EaSI (the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation 'EaSI' 2014–2020), which is the financing instrument of the European Commission that supports the Commission's 10-year 2020 growth strategy.

Budget and activity plans must be applied for every year. In practice, this means that you need to prepare the budget first and then use the funding, after which you restart the budget process. This is problematic with a cycle of only 12 months. The consequence is that there is not enough time for the core activities in the project.

In continuation of this, the Commission is requested to state whether it would consider reintroducing multi-year budgets, where annual activity plans are submitted for approval.

The Commission is also requested to state whether there will be any future opportunity for allowing the transfer of funds year on year.