

**Question for written answer E-006612/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EuropeAid - verification on the procedure of an invitation to tender

In light of the following:

- EuropeAid is the symbol of the EU's aid policy for development;
- the EU ranks first worldwide in terms of development aid donations;
- over the last few years, however, there have been a number of different scandals linked to EU activities in non-EU countries (EULEX Kosovo, to name one);
- transparency is one of the fundamental principles that all entities of the EU must dedicate themselves to respecting;
- there has been a formal complaint against the notice of an invitation to tender (EuropeAid/135575/IH/SUP/ER) for the supply and installation of a number of stand-alone solar systems in Eritrea, filed by one of the companies that participated in said tender;
- the response to the complaint given by the European delegation in Eritrea did not, however, seem to be satisfactory or even legal;
- if an irregularity were to be identified, this would cause serious damage to the EU's image due to the delicate nature of the topic under discussion;

Does the Commission plan to intervene to bring clarity to this issue?