

**Question for written answer E-008645/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Possible closure of single European hotline to report missing children

On International Missing Children's Day (25 May), European operators in this sector raised the alarm concerning the imminent closure of '116 000', the single European hotline to report missing children, owing to cuts announced by the European Commission in February. In Italy, Telefono azzurro, in collaboration with the Missing Children Europe Federation, launched the campaign '#Save116.000, save a child' in order to raise alternative funds and continue to guarantee a basic assistance and finding service. The European Commission announced that management of the hotline would be directly devolved to the governments of individual Member States.

Eight million children are reported missing each year around the world, namely 22 000 children a day, and 270 000 in Europe alone, that is to say one every two minutes.

In 2014 alone, in Europe the 116 000 hotline managed 6 119 cases of missing children;

Can the Commission:

- supply information concerning the reasons leading to the cuts in the service in question;
- indicate the operational status of the single 116 000 hotline in individual Member States;
- carry out new initiatives aimed at promoting national financing in order to guarantee its accessibility to all European citizens, also in the future.