

**Question for written answer E-009247/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Failure to pay experts

In connection with an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance project in Turkey, the contractor (CEU Consulting) has reportedly still not paid 12 experts it engaged for the project. The project, designated 'Technical Assistance for Development of Regional Laboratories of Occupational Health and Safety Center (İSGÜM)', ran from April 2011 to February 2012.

The EU's April 2013 'Ex-post Technical Assistance Project Report' (contract no TR0702.21-01/001) established that payment had not been made and stated that 'The only indirect negative impact can be mentioned as the failure of Consortium Leader's payment to EU experts.'

It is most important that the EU should be a trustworthy partner. Will the Commission therefore say whether this specific instance of non-payment is currently being dealt with? Will the Commission further identify the competent institutions which deal with such cases, and say who ultimately bears liability for non-payment in connection with EU projects?