

**Question for written answer E-009491/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Greater transparency for EU development aid

According to the latest annual report of the international organisation 'Publish What You Fund', the European Union and its 28 Member States are the largest donors in the world for development aid, having allocated approximately EUR 58.2 billion in 2014 alone. However, EU countries are being accused of a lack of transparency in their data and failure to comply with the standard recognised internationally in 2011 regarding the publication of that data – the IATI (International Aid Transparency Initiative). This problem, the lack of clear data, is one which also characterises other major donors, such as the United States. Leading the ranks of the most transparent countries are, in order, Sweden, the UK, the EU (DG NEAR, the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments and DG DEVCO), Denmark and the Netherlands. This year too, unfortunately, Italy is bottom of the class, preceded by Belgium and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

In view of this situation, can the Commission say what measures and/or initiatives it intends to take in order to step up progress in making EU funding for international cooperation and development more transparent, to ensure that European taxpayers' money goes where it is most needed and where it can have a greater impact?