

**Question for written answer E-010551/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Anneleen Van Bossuyt (ECR)**

Subject: Hidden costs of Horizon 2020 societal challenges

It would appear that 23.7 % of appropriations earmarked for Horizon 2020 societal challenges are being spent in ways bearing no relation to research and innovation, the percentages varying between the various challenges, ranging from 1% for transport, 7% for health and 12% for energy, up to 23 % for inclusive society. Spending on non-related matters is particularly high in cases where the budget is limited, amounting to 10% in the case of the sixth societal challenge regarding social and life sciences.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission give the reason for the disparities regarding spending on the different societal challenges?
2. Can the Commission details regarding each societal challenge?
3. Does the Commission intend to distribute funding more fairly, thereby easing the burden as much as possible on the limited budgetary resources available for certain societal challenges?