

**Question for written answer E-011019/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increased investment and business cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean

On 10 June 2015, the Commission announced EUR 118 million of new support for Latin America and the Caribbean, to increase EU investment and business cooperation in the region. The announcement was made at the EU-CELAC Business Summit, where Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs said: 'Business creates the jobs and growth we need, on both sides of the Atlantic. SMEs have a lot to gain from internationalisation. This event can help build and strengthen partnerships and extend value chains connecting our continents'.<sup>1</sup>

In view of this announcement and the signed agreement, how does the Commission see the aid being provided helping SMEs to internationalise? Additionally, what is the estimated impact that this financial assistance will have on SMEs, their internationalisation and their growth?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-5149\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5149_en.htm)