

**Question for written answer E-011557/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Uzbekistan relations

A Partnership and Cooperation Agreement has been in place between the European Union and Uzbekistan since 1999, giving rise to a number of development plans and aid packages for Uzbekistan coordinated via the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

According to official information, the European Union is preparing a new EU-Uzbekistan assistance programme for the period 2014-2020.

Given that we are already more than halfway through 2015, how many more months will it take for progress to be made on this assistance programme?

What will be the programme's budget?

What key points will this development aid be focused on?