

**Question for written answer E-013517/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Norica Nicolai (ALDE)

Subject: Banking fraud in Moldova

In a recent scandal, over one billion Moldovan Lei were stolen from the state budget through an elaborate scheme involving three banks; the culprits still remain at large and the money stolen has yet to be recovered.

The EU-Moldova Parliamentary Association Committee recently issued recommendations identifying the weakness of the banking sector as a major issue in the pursuit of the implementation of the Association Agreement.

Moldova has recently seen mass protests against corruption and fraud.

What is the Commission doing, within the context of the Association Agreement and the Eastern Partnership, to:

1. Help the Moldovan authorities?
2. Help the Moldovan banking sector?
3. Prevent the situation of the Moldovan banking sector from worsening any further?