

**Question for written answer E-014106/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Effectiveness of EU funding to combat the death penalty

According to the European Court of Auditors (ECA), EU funding to combat the death penalty is too widely dispersed and spent in countries where there is little prospect of change. Although their amount is limited (EUR 100.9 million), these resources were shared among 183 projects no fewer than 120 countries between 2007 and 2013.

The ECA maintains that many civil society projects are failing to meet their objectives. It also considers the system for assessing applications for funding and ascertaining the success of projects to be inadequate.

The ECA also takes the view that this funding should not only be better targeted, but also be backed up by other EU action, such as diplomacy and traditional development aid

1. Given that the fight against the death penalty must be constant and unwavering, how can the Commission justify its rejection of the ECA's call to better target funding to combat the brutal and inhumane practices of torturing and killing prisoners?
2. How does the Commission intend to step up coordination with other EU action?