

**Question for written answer E-015496/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: ERDF for new devolved regions in England

Last month the UK Government announced plans to establish a West Midlands Combined Authority in 2016. From 2017, the West Midlands, along with several other city regions in England, will have a new regional structure.

This change in political and territorial organisation will have a massive impact on the lives of the people in my constituency and on the funding that will be available to them through the European Union's Cohesion Policy.

To what extent has the Commission anticipated these changes? Can the Commission give any indication as to what changes in ERDF funding the region may expect in the immediate term?