Question for written answer E-002113/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Recommendations regarding the Spanish deficit

In its reply to Question E-007684/2014, Commissioner Moscovici stated, 'The contribution of the various general government subsectors to budget balance targets is a matter of domestic law. The Commission has no competence to decide on the breakdown of Member States' deficit targets by general government subsector.'

In view of this and of the Commission's recommendations to the effect that that the State must control the Autonomous Communities and local authorities;

1. Is the Commission aware that 56 % of overall spending adjustments in Spain have been achieved by Autonomous Communities responsible for the provision of public health, education and other services?

2. Does the Commission not think that such lack of flexibility is in danger of undermining Spain's economic growth prospects?

3. Does the Commission consider that the interest rate of 0.834 % being charged by the Spanish Government on Liquidity Fund loans to the Autonomous Communities is aggravating the deficit, given that the European Central Bank charges interest of only 0.05% on loans to Member States?