

**Question for written answer E-002823/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Sports funding criteria

The recent scandals involving sport, including allegations of match-fixing in tennis, corruption in FIFA and massive fiscal evasion by some Italian football teams in the A and B leagues, have highlighted the lack of implementation of good governance principles in some sport and the need to focus on more transparent and accountable management.

Parliament has frequently shown support for good governance in sport, as highlighted in paragraph 68 of its resolution of 2 February 2012 on the European dimension in sport¹: 'Recalls that good governance in sport is a condition for the autonomy and self-regulation of sports organisations, in compliance with the principles of transparency, accountability and democracy and stresses the need for a zero-tolerance policy on corruption in sport'.

In the light of this, are the principles of transparency, accountability and democracy among the criteria that the Commission requests when granting funding to sports organisations or signing agreements/partnerships with them?

If not, will the Commission take into account the need to include respect for these principles in the criteria for eligibility for funding?

¹ OJ C 239 E, 20.8.2013, p. 46.