

**Question for written answer E-004823/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of pilot project - budget heading 02 02 77 22

Last year, for the 2016 budget, I submitted a pilot project entitled 'Towards a sharing economy for Europe's manufacturers: working capital and cost reductions through cloud-based platforms that support synergies and integration'. The proposal was approved, and the project was incorporated into the budget as heading 02 02 77 22.

I have had contact on a number of occasions with the relevant Commission department as regards how the project is to be specifically implemented. Reference is made to those contacts on page 18 of the Commission's progress report ((ref. Ares(2016)1126646).

During those contacts it became clear that the Commission wanted to implement the project completely differently from how it is described in the text of the agreement reached between the Council and Parliament.

Following those consultations, all contact was severed. The Commission representatives are no longer available for comment. There has been no response to a number of attempts to make contact in writing and by telephone.

1. Can the Commission provide an update on the implementation of the pilot project?
2. Does the Commission take the view that the pilot project must be implemented as approved by the representatives of EU citizens?