

**Question for written answer E-005239/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Management of FEAD funds in Spain

Civil society organisations, professional forums and professional associations have complained that the management of FEAD funds in Spain is not a viable or appropriate way to achieve a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy, as they are essentially welfare measures.

In view of recitals 9 and 15, and Article 16(3)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014, I have the following questions.

Does the Commission think that partner distribution organisations handing out food without any technical criteria or assessment by a competent professional, as set out in national legislation, represents effective and efficient management of FEAD funds?

Can the Commission guarantee that Spain's operational programme goal to reduce poverty and social exclusion by 1.4-1.5 million people through welfare measures alone is logical, when it has not even fostered cooperation and coordination between national, regional and local public institutions and civil society organisations?

Does the Commission think that Spain's operational programme achieves the task of promoting measures that foster social integration, if those measures depend on the capacity of partner distribution organisations?