

**Question for written answer E-006722/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: ESF funding

The European Social Fund uses its EUR 86 billion in resources to tackle challenges of the utmost importance for EU cohesion and sustainability. ESF activities generally need to be more attractive to beneficiaries with regard to investment, including the nature of the objectives financed.

Given the above, will the Commission introduce simplified cost options to pave the way for participation by other stakeholders in ESF activities?