

**Question for written answer E-006753/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding sanitation facilities

The EU provided funding of EUR 9 million to build 134 public toilets (including those built in the Dieme school), 1 147 private toilets, four water treatment tanks and a biological waste treatment plant in Mbour, Senegal.

Not only are these facilities essential for maintaining health and hygiene standards, but they are also key to keeping girls in school because when girls start menstruating they often do not continue with their education. According to the United Nations Report, 'Menstrual hygiene management: behaviour and practices in the Louga Region, Senegal', because of a 'lack of suitable spaces and facilities for proper menstrual hygiene management, women and girls are excluded from participating in cultural, educational, social and income-generating activities'.

1. Is the Commission aware of the importance of funding sanitation projects that provide basic facilities such as toilets that maintain health and hygiene, and of their positive impact on girls' schooling?
2. Where else in the world is the EU funding similar projects?