

**Question for written answer E-007245/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Reform Support Programme - involvement of the Member States

The Structural Reform Support Programme is a means of providing technical assistance to Member States that request it from the Commission. The intention is to facilitate the introduction of structural reforms proposed in the context of the European Semester. The assistance will cover measures that offer EU added value and will enable the Member States in question to make the most efficient possible use of monies from the cohesion funds. The main fields in which support for reform is to be provided are education, social protection and health.

Is there not potential here for the Commission to make the provision of assistance from the structural funds contingent on specific outcomes?

Might the scheme not become a way for the Commission to impose reforms that the Member States do not in fact want?