

**Question for written answer E-008555/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: European Consensus on Development: the role of fair trade

The new European Consensus on Development should encourage EU policies that address global interconnected challenges, such as the promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12. The Commission published in April 2016 a new edition of the 'Buying green' guidance document, which mainly addresses the environmental impacts of public purchasing, without addressing more comprehensively the other dimensions of sustainability, such as the need to ensure a living income for farmers and a living wage for workers in a global supply chain.

In parallel, however, the Commission communication on 'Trade for All', of October 2015, recognises that 'fair and ethical trade' schemes are useful tools for sustainable development.

1. Will the new European Consensus recognise the important role of promoting sustainable consumption and production in the EU and in EU partner countries in an integrated way, going beyond the 'buying green' and 'buying social' silos?
2. Will the new European Consensus recognise the role that 'fair and ethical trade' schemes have in contributing to sustainable consumption and production patterns in the EU and in EU partner countries?