

**Question for written answer E-009415/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Climate-related spending of the EU budget in relation to the special report by the European Court of Auditors

The special report by the European Court of Auditors on the climate-related spending of the EU budget confirms our fears, as there is a 'serious risk that [the] 20 % spending target will not be met'. According to Commission figures, the share of funding dedicated to climate action has averaged 17.6 % between 2014 and 2016.

Overall, the Commission estimates that 18.9 % will be spent on climate action, thereby falling short of the 20 % objective. It has been calculated that the rate of climate funding would need to be increased to an average of 22 % across the remaining years of the current programming period, i.e. for 2017 to 2020, in order to reach the overall target of 20 % by the end of 2020.

Does the Commission have a detailed action plan setting out how it intends to catch up? What will now be done under the Semester process and country-specific recommendations to ensure that Member States are fully factoring climate change into their domestic strategies?