

**Question for written answer E-009424/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding of the organisation MEP Ranking

MEP Ranking is a private Spanish organisation that ranks MEPs' activity with the aim of measuring their work in Parliament in quantitative terms.

Although there are doubts over the way MEP Ranking conducts its calculations, the real cause for concern is the information given on its website. Spain and Catalonia are viewed as two different and independent Member States by the organisation, which also views some – arbitrarily selected – Spanish MEPs as the MEPs for a fictitious state called Catalonia.

Given the seriousness of this situation in which false information is provided on the EU itself, a few months ago I asked Parliament if it supported the organisation using EU funding. Parliament told me that it did not have any connection, neither institutional nor financial, with MEP Ranking.

In order to get all the details and to dispel any doubts that EU funding is involved, which would be intolerable, I would like to ask the following:

1. Has the organisation MEP Ranking received or is it receiving funding out of the EU's budget?
2. If so, how much and when?