

**Question for written answer E-009444/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Distinction between ERDF and EAFRD

EAFRD support for broadband must complement other government-funded activity. Whilst the ERDF is designed to be used to help local authorities in England fund their broadband allocations, EAFRD funding cannot be used to meet this demand. Uncertainties do, however, remain such as which areas are considered hard to reach and consequently entitled to EAFRD support.

Can the Commission highlight how the need for a clear distinction between the ERDF and the EAFRD is ensured in light of such uncertainties?