

**Question for written answer E-000480/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EIB support for businesses in Export Processing Zones

Does the Commission plan to support private businesses in Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in Jordan or elsewhere (in Ethiopia?) via the EIB? EPZs are very often lawless territories from the social and fiscal point of view.

Does the Commission not believe EIB support for private businesses in EPZs to be contrary to the ILO concept of 'decent work' and to the establishment of a fiscal area which is necessary for the capacities of the recipient countries to fund their own development (cf. the Addis Ababa Conference)?