

**Question for written answer E-001290/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: System for allocation of additional cohesion policy funding in Spain

In June 2016, in compliance with Regulation (EU) No 1311/2013¹ and Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013², the Commission allocated Spain 46 % of additional EU cohesion policy funding (EUR 2 131.8 million), of which EUR 488 million was to be shared among the more developed regions.

According to Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, which sets out the methodology for allocation of this sum, and in view of statistical data for 2015, Catalonia should have received EUR 113.7 million, and not the EUR 59.7 million it was allocated in the end. This occurred because the Spanish Government incorporated discretionary parameters into the sharing out of funding between the autonomous communities, as well as into its allocation of funding managed directly by central government. These parameters infringe the principles of transparency and subsidiarity.

Is the Commission aware of this practice?

As the Spanish Government has not responded to the Catalan Regional Government's call for allocation of these funds to be reviewed, could the Commission take action of some kind in this respect?

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52015PC0015>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:347:0320:0469:en:PDF>