Question for written answer E-001786/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Dominique Martin (ENF) and Steeve Briois (ENF)

Subject: Public awareness of the achievements of cohesion policy and the sources of its funding

Article 115 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 stipulates that Member States must '[publicise] to Union citizens the role and achievements of cohesion policy and of the Funds through information and communication actions on the results'.

Annex XII to the regulation stipulates that beneficiaries of the Structural Funds must publish information on the source of funding for their projects.

Bearing in mind that the 'European' funds exist only because of Member State, and therefore national taxpayer, contributions:

- Does the Commission not agree that the public has the right to full information about the way 'EU' funds are used and, in particular, their source?
- Does it not intend to encourage Member States to start publicising how much they are contributing to the common budget and the EU's cohesion policy?