

**Question for written answer E-001861/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Tax evasion: a problem for developing countries

The EU has always maintained that helping the poorest African countries increase their tax revenue is a priority for its development assistance strategy.

The European Court of Auditors, however, recently highlighted a series of inconsistencies both in the implementation of the measures put in place to that end and in the initial conditions imposed on beneficiaries.

Tax evasion costs Africa almost USD 60 billion per year.

Europe is doing very little to remedy this and the majority of reports, such as those produced under the country-specific reporting system proposed by the Commission, do not cover non-EU countries.

1. Why does the Commission not take extraterritoriality into account when publishing country-specific data?
2. Does it intend to take any other steps with a view to putting an end to tax evasion in African countries?