

**Question for written answer E-003556/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Investment support for water associations

Many German municipalities are grouped together in water associations in accordance with the provisions of their state laws for the purposes of water supply, flood protection, ground water conservation or waste water treatment. Substantial investment in plant maintenance and upgrading is necessary on a regular basis to ensure compliance with exacting statutory requirements. In this connection, major challenges must frequently be met, given that most of the associations are governed by public law. In view of this:

1. What specific European funding programmes are available for water associations in these areas?
2. What funding eligibility conditions must be met?