

**Question for written answer E-004766/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Squandering of tax payers' money on the Europe House in Paris

A report on the website of Politico¹ refers to forthcoming conversion work at the Europe House in Paris. This project is said to be costing EUR 12 million, including a rental contract which will cost a cool EUR 6 million per annum, with the bill to be footed by the taxpayer. This is yet one more item on the already lengthy list of money-wasting projects organised by the out-of-touch European elite.

1. How many 'Europe Houses' are there, how many people visit them and how much do they cost to run each year?
2. How will replacing a rental contract costing 'only' EUR 1.7 million per annum with one costing EUR 6 million per annum help to bring the European Union closer to its citizens?
3. Does the Commission agree that all those millions ought to be given back to net-contributing Member States, preferably the Netherlands?

¹ "EU plans €6m-a-year 'House of Europe' on Paris boulevard" (12.7.2017), <http://www.politico.eu/article/eu-plans-e6m-a-year-house-of-europe-on-paris-boulevard>