

**Question for written answer E-005226/2017/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European grants to UK-based organisations after Brexit

On 17 May 2017, the European Social Network (ESN) received EUR 905 292.06 in EU grants¹.

This obscure organisation has few French members and includes no major public bodies, such as government ministries in Germany, France, the UK or Italy. Azerbaijan's Ministry of Social Protection is a member².

The ESN is based in the United Kingdom, in Brighton.

- Following the Brexit vote, has the Commission asked for the headquarters of the ESN to be moved to one of the other 27 EU States?

- Why does the Commission continue to fund organisations based outside Europe?

¹ VP-2016-012 Awarded Grants: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=632&langId=en>
<https://www.google.be/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=4&ved=0ahUKEwjR4o6twOjVAhWGORoKHR-CDz4QFghQMAM&url=http%3A%2F%2Fec.europa.eu%2Fsocial%2FblobServlet%3FdocId%3D17876%26langId%3Den&usg=AFQjCNGnKdd0yr0Yg-pCoOaX-OHZwGWbjQ>

² http://www.esn-eu.org/userfiles/Documents/Members_docs/ESN_Members_List_-_30_May_2017.pdf