

**Question for written answer E-001844/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EUR 700 000 for refugees to play football

On 22 March 2018, the Commission told the Parliament that, since 2009, a total of EUR 813 million in commitment appropriations (CA) has been allocated to pilot projects (PP) and preparatory actions (PA). The total amount of commitment appropriations given to abandoned projects reached EUR 257 million. In some years, the percentage of abandoned projects reached 90%<sup>1</sup>.

Certain projects for 2018 are absurd:

- EUR 700 000 for 25 sports clubs for refugees to play football, that is EUR 28 000 per club<sup>2</sup>;
- EUR 300 000 to plant trees in Africa<sup>3</sup>;
- EUR 400 000 to map cemeteries in Ukraine/Moldova<sup>4</sup>;
- EUR 350 000 to write a best practice manual for cruises<sup>5</sup>;
- EUR 400 000 to organise meetings in regions where there is conflict caused by wolves/bears, on the condition that participants are in favour of protecting wolves/bears<sup>6</sup>.

Can the Commission state why the projects it chooses do not aim at reinvigorating Europe, where the number of unemployed citizens currently stands at 18 million.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission interim report on the implementation of Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions 2018  
[http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201803/EMPL/EMPL\(2018\)0321\\_1P/sitt-7689683](http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201803/EMPL/EMPL(2018)0321_1P/sitt-7689683)

<sup>2</sup> Pilot Project 15 02 77 18

<sup>3</sup> Pilot Project 21 02 77 34

<sup>4</sup> Pilot Project 15 04 77 16

<sup>5</sup> Pilot Project 11 06 06 77 15

<sup>6</sup> Pilot Project 07 02 77 39