

**Question for written answer E-002407/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU funding for trans-boundary cooperation on water governance and management in developing countries

An estimated two billion people in developing countries live in shared river basins, a situation that gives rise to conflicts due to increasing pressure on water resources or disputes over access to or governance of water facilities.

The EU's experience in managing the Rhine, Danube and other rivers in a collaborative way, its Water Framework Directive to harmonise water quality standards across the EU, its binational river commissions and agreements such as the Albufeira Convention between Spain and Portugal, mean the EU has longstanding experience in this field that could allow it to become a key actor in facilitating cooperation on water worldwide, including between developing countries.

According to experts on the water-conflict nexus such as Strategic Foresight Group, this would require a shift in the targeting of funding from national initiatives to projects involving two or more countries that promote trans-boundary cooperation on water governance and management.

Can the Commission:

1. Clarify the amount of funding spent on (or earmarked for) supporting projects targeted at water governance and management in individual developing countries under the current multiannual financial framework?
2. Clarify the amount of funding spent on (or earmarked for) supporting projects of a trans-boundary nature targeted at water governance and management?
3. Provide a breakdown of these numbers per region?