

**Question for written answer E-004872/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Chaillot Prize for the Promotion of Human Rights in the Gulf Cooperation Council Region

In its resolution of 14 June 2018 on the human rights situation in Bahrain (2018/2755 (RSP)), Parliament regretted the fact that the Chaillot Prize for the Promotion of Human Rights in the Gulf Cooperation Council Region, delivered by the regional EU delegation in Riyadh, was awarded in 2014 to the Bahrain National Institution for Human Rights, which has repeatedly justified the human rights violations undertaken by the Bahraini Government, including the imprisonment of Nabeel Rajab. In its resolution of 31 May 2018 on the situation of women's rights defenders in Saudi Arabia (2018/2712(RSP)), Parliament noted that the Chaillot Prize award rules restrict applications to those who are legally registered and active in 'constructive engagement' with the authorities.

Could the Commission explain why the award rules of the Chaillot Prize restrict applications to those who are legally registered and active in 'constructive engagement with the authorities'?

Could the Commission provide a list of the beneficiaries of the Chaillot Prize since its inception?