

**Question for written answer E-005028/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Political prisoners in Eritrea

As a least developed country, Eritrea receives a large amount of funding via the EU's European Development Fund, from which it has benefited greatly, showing great improvement in most areas. Yet it has also been imprisoning political activists, some of whom have been detained for more than 17 years.

How can the VP/HR work to support democratic institutions in Eritrea with a view to continuing to foster relations and development with the EU and striving towards the release of political prisoners?