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to the Commission
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Subject: Cooperation between the EU and Public Private Partnerships

In Special Report 9/2018, the European Court of Auditors found that audited EU-supported Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) were not always managed effectively and did not provide adequate value for money. The Court of Auditors even recommended that the Commission and Member States should avoid promoting intensive and widespread use of PPPs. These comments are in line with a 2015 Eurodad study, which found that the costs of financing PPP projects can be twice what it would have cost if the government had borrowed from private banks or issued bonds directly.

1. What criteria does the Commission apply when deciding on partnerships, whether PPPs or partnerships with other entities?

2. How many PPPs financed with EU funds have failed? What costs have been incurred by the public sector, and what costs by private partners?

3. As indicated by the Eurodad study, PPPs suffer from low transparency and limited public scrutiny. Can the Commission commit to publishing all contracts and financial arrangements with private partners under PPPs?