

**Question for written answer P-006160/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Follow-up to Written Question E-002894 on 'Implementation of EU guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities for EU grants, prizes and financial instruments'

The Commission's answer to Written Question E-002894 indicates that it is relying exclusively on Israel voluntarily following the provisions of the EU guidelines (2013/C 205/05).

Point 9 of the guidelines stipulates that Israeli recipients of EU grants, whether they be coordinating organisations or partners, must be established within the pre-1967 borders.

Point 12(a) requires that no activity financed by the EU may take place, in whole or in part, in the OPT as defined by point 2.

Point 6(a) appears not to cover work carried out under contract for an eligible institution.

Given this situation, will the Commission take the following steps:

1. Close the potential loophole concerning subcontracted work, whereby Israeli institutions working in the OPT could seek to avoid the intended restriction on collaboration by labelling a work package as contract work (NB: Ariel University does in fact carry out work under contract for other universities in Israel).
2. Strengthen and broaden point 18 to specify appropriate penalties should Israeli institutions choose to follow the lead of Israeli farmers by simply ignoring procedures designed to impose EU policy.
3. Publish any and all Israeli Memoranda of Understanding designed to enable Israel to take part in EU-funded programmes, and ensure that a comprehensive, well-informed public debate takes place.