

**Question for written answer P-006161/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Delivery of EU funds to the UK

In the Commission's view, does the replacement of regional delivery of EU Structural and Investment Funds in the UK with a single national 'Growth Programme Board' fully satisfy the partnership principle in the Structural Fund Regulations and Guidelines?

What assurances can be made that the UK authorities' planned 'Local Area Partnerships', which do not have any management responsibility, will be capable of operating in a truly authoritative, transparent and representative way?

Will the Commission ensure that the technical assistance money designed to facilitate preparations for utilising the funds is fully made available to local partners, including for projects involving local government, businesses and the third sector in my East of England constituency?