

**Question for written answer P-011080/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Biocides: approval and funding

In France, the public entities responsible for mosquito control require new products for their activities, particularly adulticides. The range of biocides is very small, which is an unprecedented situation. Products have been identified and could be used, but they still need to be tested and approved. However, the companies that produce biocides are reluctant to launch new approvals. This is because certification is very expensive and the biocides market (almost entirely public and very specific) is not extensive enough to allow them to recoup these costs. The only way, according to professionals, would be for government authorities to take the place of private companies in assuming all or part of the costs, before the products are marketed.

1. Can the Commission please confirm that such a room for manoeuvre exists for public authorities (in particular in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products)?

2. Further to the first question, do Member States have any other means of assisting and completing the work of research into and the marketing of biocidal products to meet this specific need?