

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2792/99
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to the Commission

Subject: Targeting of development cooperation projects for implementation in Nicaragua

Some evaluations of development cooperation projects in Nicaragua funded by EU Member States have drawn attention to the fact that, in addition to the poorest sections of the population, projects also benefited individuals close to the government and businesses owned by such people. Moreover, projects have been concentrated in areas where support for the current government was strongest, irrespective of whether there was a greater need for them elsewhere.

Have similar problems occurred with projects funded by the EU in Nicaragua and if so, what has the Commission done to overcome them?