

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2354/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Local government in ACP countries

Can the Commission supply details of the support that has been provided to local government in ACP countries for local government institutional development/capacity building in the last 12 months in response to the recognition given to local government as a state actor under Article 6 of the Cotonou Agreement?

Have the Commission services, notably AIDCO, instigated any financial or other internal procedures to ensure that local government, as a state actor, is able to effectively access resources from the national and regional indicative programmes, and are there specific examples of local government having accessed such resources to date?

Does the Commission have any plans to meet with representatives of the ACP Local Government Platform, including the Commonwealth Local Government Forum?