

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3632/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Capitalising on experience gained in development cooperation projects

A large number of development aid projects financed by Europaid deal with similar or closely related topics or subject areas. However, with each new project, recipients of funding have to create their own methodology from scratch. This failure to capitalise on experience gives rise to much inefficiency and causes a considerable loss of know-how.

However, with each mission, NGOs produce a summary of their project. The Commission, for its part, authorises the drawing up of studies evaluating the outcome of its policies. Why, therefore, does the Commission not pass on these summaries of experiences and evaluations to the recipients of funding working on similar projects?

This system of information would aim to:

- develop a multicriteria database listing all Commission assistance and funding for development;
- list all data pertaining to projects and make it available via the internet to anyone who was interested, whether experts or lay persons. This system could compare the activity of other sponsors in similar areas.

By so doing, the Commission would provide a great many people involved in development with a permanent and up-to-date means of sharing experience and communicating results and methodologies that have proven successful.

In order to remedy this major inefficiency, does the Commission intend to develop a central system of information and communication making it possible to capitalise on experience and to make know-how mutually available?