

**Question for written answer E-004224/2011
to the Commission**
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Subject: Transatlantic cooperation

At the beginning of 2009, the European Union's Development Ministers supported an initiative to step up transatlantic cooperation in development policy. At the time, the goal was a transatlantic partnership to promote sustainable development. The European Union and the USA are two of the largest aid donors in the world, and intensifying cooperation between the two of them is of the utmost importance in order to make a global success of development policy. By means of transatlantic cooperation, it is possible to help the poorest developing countries to attain successful results in negotiations on global development, trade and the environment. It was intended that the initiative launched two years ago should be presented at meetings between the EU and the USA and that a partnership should thus be developed in the development policy sector.

How has the Commission promoted the transatlantic development-policy cooperation provided for by the initiative?