

**Question for written answer E-013948/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: EU development and external assistance policies

In the 'Annual Report 2013 on the European Union's development and external assistance policies and their implementation in 2012' it was some small comfort to note that the rate of projects not performing or performing with problems has fallen from 27 % to 25 %.

Given that a quarter of monitored projects are underperforming, and that this is unacceptable:

1. Can the Commission confirm how many projects it cancelled in 2012 due to underperformance?
2. Will the Commission provide a breakdown by country of the projects falling under category III or IV ('Performing with Problems' or 'Not performing or major difficulties')?
3. Will it provide a list of projects – with at least a description, the location and the value of each project – which received the category IV assessment ('Not performing or major difficulties') for two or more ROM appraisals? Please indicate whether the project was cancelled and the reasons why/why not.
4. Will it provide a list of projects – with at least a description, the location and the value of each project – which received the category III or IV assessment ('Performing with Problems' or 'Not performing or major difficulties') for two or more ROM appraisals? Please indicate whether the project was cancelled and the reasons why/why not.
5. Among projects assessed as 'Not performing or major difficulties', the highest rate (11.6 %) is for projects in the economic infrastructure and services sector. The value of the projects assessed in this sector was EUR 1.3 billion, which may well indicate waste of over EUR 100 million. Will the Commission please provide details of the projects – including at least a description, the location and the value of each project – which received the category IV assessment in this sector and indicate what it is doing to address the shortcomings of aid projects in the economic infrastructure and services sector?