

**Question for written answer E-001020/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Pilot projects and preparatory actions in the annual budget

The legal basis for pilot projects and preparatory actions is in the Financial Regulation, in Title IV, Article 54(2)(a) and (b) on the implementation of the budget. Accordingly, pilot projects of an experimental nature are those designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness, while preparatory actions should be designed to prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions.

An interinstitutional agreement of 17 May 2006 introduced procedural elements to make the adoption of pilot projects and preparatory actions a smoother process. The agreement provides for the Commission to be notified by mid-June of the intention to submit amendments proposing new pilot projects and preparatory actions.

In view of the above, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. What is envisaged in the proposal or description of a pilot project or preparatory action by Members or specialised committees that needs to be submitted by mid-June to the Commission, which will then make an assessment of the proposed pilot projects and preparatory actions?
2. What criteria does the Commission apply in assessing the suitability and eligibility for funding of pilot projects and preparatory actions submitted by the European Parliament?
3. What is the timetable envisaged this year for the adoption of the 2015 budget?