

**Question for written answer E-001244/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: NGO funding and first Anti-Corruption Report

1. How much money did Transparency International receive from the Commission's budget in 2012 and 2013?
2. From which budget line did Transparency International receive EU funds?
3. What services were provided in return?
4. What method did the Commission use to collect the data submitted by the EU Member States for the first Anti-Corruption Report (published on 3 February 2014)? Who collected the data?
5. Who drew up the conclusions?
6. Why did the Commission not produce a report like this years ago?
7. What was the legal basis for the Commission publishing this report on corruption in the Member States and the claims it makes?
8. How does the Commission explain the fact that Bulgaria has fallen from 64th place to 77th place in Transparency International's Corruption Index during the seven years in which it has been subject to special monitoring by the Commission under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism?
9. How does the Commission explain the fact that Romania has not moved from 69th place in Transparency International's Corruption Index in the seven years during which it has been subject to special monitoring?
10. What measures is the Commission planning so that the findings of this first report have been implemented by the time the second report on the Member States is published?