

**Question for written answer E-013030/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Progress with TEAMING

Thirty-one projects are currently involved in creating a business plan in the second stage of the TEAMING selection process. The successful bidders in the first call for proposals will only be announced in August 2016 when work on the ground will finally be able to start.

Why does the selection process take so long? Is it possible to accelerate it in the next round?

Project funding is managed by the national partners on the ground, not by the experienced partner organisations that are familiar with the management of such large amounts of funding. Could the switchover or (temporary) division of financial management between the two parties be envisaged?

The aim would be to ensure the success of the projects, not to remove decision-making from local partners.

The next call for proposals will begin in September 2016. Is it certain that a thorough assessment of the first call for proposals will have taken place by then so that lessons can be learned from the first call for proposals?