

**Question for written answer E-014641/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Potentially corrupting effect of development aid (question E-012411/2015)

With regard to question E-012411/2015 and the response of the European Commission, we note that the Commission answered a different question than the one put to it: we are well aware of the bureaucratic process and the role of local operators. We therefore ask the European Commission to provide a concrete response to a concrete question, rather than seeking to dodge it. Repeating that question word for word, we ask:

1. Before granting any new aid, does the Commission routinely assess the state of implementation of earlier development projects financed in countries possibly in line for more aid, in order to ascertain whether those countries have done what the EU previously required of them?
2. When it continues to grant aid to a particular country even though many of that country's projects have been abandoned, does not the Commission think that it is helping to perpetuate existing sinks of corruption instead of making potential recipients comply with the conditions attaching to European aid by cleaning up their systems at state and local level?