

**Question for written answer E-002346/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Funding for gender equality in EU external action

The aim of the EU's second Gender Action Plan (GAP II) is to further gender equality and women's empowerment in the EU's external action. Sufficient and adequate resources are needed for these commitments.

The Commission has announced the provision of some funding to support this action plan through various channels. One of these would be the allocation of EUR 100 million to targeted actions in the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) thematic programme under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

1. Have these EUR 100 million been committed yet (given that the current programming phase of the DCI 2014-2017 provides for some of these funds)? If so, can the Commission list the targeted initiatives?
2. Can the Commission clarify when, and which, future initiatives will be supported, and whether these investments will build upon achievements and lessons learned from the 'Investing in People' programme (need for gender mainstreaming and gender-responsive budgeting, as listed in the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the GPGC)?

Parliament's resolution of 8 October 2015 on the renewal of the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development (2015/2754(RSP)) states that gender equality is a precondition for achieving Agenda 2030 and access to health, and vice versa. Given this correlation, and in order to further progress under the Sustainable Development Goals, critical initiatives have been put in place, such as the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.

3. Does the Commission intend to contribute in some way to this Global Strategy?