

**Question for written answer E-002773/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EFSD and renewable energies

Recital 20 of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and establishment of the EFSD Guarantee and the EFSD Guarantee Fund (2016/0281 (COD)) reads as follows: 'in order to fulfil the political commitments of the EU on renewable energy and climate change a minimum share of 20% for the funding allocated under the EFSD should be devoted to financing and investment operations relevant for these sectors'.

Does the Commission include in that share support for solar energy and biofuels? If so, how can the Commission ensure that support for these forms of energy will not result, in some African countries (targeted for support from the EFSD), in agricultural land being taken for the construction of solar panels or the cultivation of biofuel crops? Is the Commission not concerned that applying that Regulation may lead to increases in food prices, which are already excessively high in many African countries?