

Question for written answer E-001884/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Ensuring the accountability of EU funds allocated to Morocco

Morocco is currently fourth among the countries which receive the most EU funding in the world¹. However, a closer inspection of the data provided by the EU Financial Transparency System Database shows that over 90% of these funds have been indiscriminately earmarked for just one beneficiary, the Moroccan Government². Furthermore, Morocco's score in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index has steadily declined since 2018, highlighting a systemic failing prejudicial to the sound use of European funds.

In spite of this, under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument, significant European public funding has been allocated to Morocco for the funding period 2021-2027. A key aspect of this instrument is the requirement for partners to actively tackle corruption.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission specify which Moroccan Government programme is receiving this aid, and can it detail how the Moroccan Government is using these funds?
2. Could the Commission provide detailed information on the frameworks currently in place which are tasked with monitoring the various programmes and guaranteeing both the appropriate oversight of the use of EU funds and accountability?

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¹ https://euaideexplorer.ec.europa.eu/explore/recipients_en

² <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/analysis.htm>