

ORAL QUESTION H-0029/04
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to the Commission

Subject: EU research priorities

At last year's World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, the EU championed the issue of sustainable consumption and production.

How does the Commission explain the fact that research projects relating to sustainable consumption, the scientific quality of which has met with its own approval, are currently receiving no funding on the grounds that sustainability is apparently not a priority for the Research Directorate-General?

How can the Commission call for international action with regard to sustainability, recognised to be a subject of great political importance, yet at the same time fail to support action of this kind within the EU?

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