

ORAL QUESTION H-0257/05  
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2005  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Rationalising EuropeAid's procedures for calls for proposals

The EuropeAid Co-operation Office's procedures for calls for proposals are too cumbersome and complex to allow all those playing a role in development to participate on an equal footing. The resources needed to submit a proposal are disproportionate to the size, financial situation and level of expertise of a large number of NGOs. As a result, numerous projects necessary to achieving the objectives of development policy are not being implemented because they are not receiving the necessary European funding. EuropeAid is favouring funding of very large-scale, long-term projects at the expense of more targeted projects that are more closely adapted to specific needs. Does the Commission have the political will to rationalise its procedures for calls for proposals? If so, what reforms does it intend to implement to facilitate the granting of European assistance?

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