

**Question for written answer P-004001/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Dealing with stray dogs in Romania

According to press reports, the EU helps fund the care of stray dogs in Romania to the tune of up to EUR 250 per dog. Even in cases where this money has been accepted, however, dogs are still often put down.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. How exactly does the EU fund measures to control the stray dog population in Romania?
According to what criteria and on what scale is this funding provided?
2. Does the Commission have evidence that this money is being misappropriated? How closely is the use of this EU financial assistance monitored?
3. If the Commission has evidence that money is being misappropriated, what action will it take to address this problem?