

**Question for written answer P-004898/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Publication of EU development aid performance assessments

Given that the Union budget has been significantly reduced and some of its programmes are now hanging by a thread, public aid for development needs to become more effective, transparent and produce tangible results, in line with the commitment made by Member States at Busan in 2011.

However, although I welcome the recent creation of the new EU Aid Explorer tool, which aims to make the use of development and humanitarian aid more transparent, it remains almost impossible for Parliament and European citizens to gain access to assessments of projects carried out by Union agencies. The results-oriented monitoring system set up in the early 2000s at the request of Parliament and on which all the performance statistics published in DG DEVCO's annual reports are based was brought to a halt last year without justification.

The Committee on Development, which I chair, is charged with ensuring that European funds spent outside our frontiers are put to good use. This mission is hampered by the lack of assessment and monitoring systems.

In order to reform and improve the EU's public aid to development, it is essential to assess the performance of such aid and for these assessments to be publicly accessible.

1. Can the Commission explain why the results-oriented monitoring system has been halted?
2. Does the Commission intend to reintroduce it in the near future? If not, does it intend to use another method for assessing its projects?
3. Lastly, does the Commission plan to make the results of these assessments accessible to Members of the European Parliament and the public?