

**Question for written answer P-014640/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU waste accounts for 4.4% of the budget

The Court of Auditors has recently called on the EU to manage its budget more carefully. According to the Court, about 4.4% of the EU general budget has been badly spent. Some expenditure items, indeed, serve no purpose, and the funding in question should not have been assigned to them. The amount involved is roughly EUR 6.35 billion – the cost of a financial manoeuvre by one or more Member States; this much has been squandered, and no one – whether at administrative level or politically – has been called to account. In any ordinary commercial company the managing director would have been fired on the spot, but in the EU the matter is apparently not worth even discussing.

Does not the Commission President consider himself duty-bound to take responsibility for the waste?

How many European citizens and struggling small businesses could have been helped with EUR 6.35 billion?

Does not the Commission believe that payment of its managers' and Commissioners' salaries ought to depend on the success of the results achieved?