

**Question for written answer E-015031/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)

Malta has an allocation of nearly EUR 4 million from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) for the programming period 2014-2020. Until some months ago, the Government of Malta was still finalising the details of the implementation of this programme. Last June it stated that the submissions for the tender for the provision, packaging and delivery of food items as well as the Call for Partner Organisation(s) did not fully meet the eligibility criteria.

With the rate of those living at risk of poverty having increased by 5.7 % in Malta since last year, and in view of the concerns expressed by my constituents regarding the harsh effects on them of the state's failure to implement this programme without delay:

1. Is the Commission in a position to confirm that the FEAD programme has begun to be implemented in Malta?
2. If implementation has not begun, can the Commission indicate what action it intends to take towards Malta in order to ensure the effective implementation of this programme without further delay?