

**Question for written answer E-016025/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU funding for reform and cooperation in the Western Balkans and Turkey

The Commission recently decided to grant EUR 1 billion for further democratic reforms and regional cooperation to the countries of the Western Balkans and Turkey, all of which have in common that they want to join the EU. At the same time we know that in many of these countries corruption is widespread and constitutes a threat to an effective and properly functioning state administration. Corruption is in many cases hard to tackle, and the resources to combat it are often limited. Corruption also involves a major risk that EU financial aid will end in the wrong hands, will not lead to the desired outcome and will not be used for the intended purpose.

How will the Commission monitor that the promised money ends in the right hands?

How will the Commission follow up whether the money has been used correctly, i.e. whether it has really led to a reform of the administrative machinery and increased regional cooperation?

What has the Commission done so far in practice to support work aimed at combating corruption in countries wishing to join the EU?