

Question for written answer E-014765/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU funding allocated for the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and to national trade unions

I was recently contacted by a member of the public who wanted to know how much EU funding is allocated to the ETUC and to national trade unions. As President Juncker reminded us in March, social dialogue is a fundamental part of the European model and supporting trade unions is therefore essential. However, the opaque nature of the EU budget means that MEPs are unaware of exactly how individual lines are used.

1. In the interests of transparency, can the Commission list the direct subsidies which the ETUC and national trade unions receive so that I may fully answer the query?
2. Can it provide an exhaustive list of the indirect subsidies received by these organisations, for example in the context of calls for proposals, and list any trade union projects funded under the following budget lines:
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3. Are there any other budget lines under which national trade unions and the ETUC could receive funding?