

**Question for written answer E-014099/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Support for the people-smuggling industry

Every year thousands of people die after putting their lives in the hands of human traffickers. Tackling the people-smuggling industry must be a top priority during the current migration crisis. According to its own mission statement, the Commission's 'Europe for Citizens' programme has the aim of developing projects which 'raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the EU' and achieve 'stronger understanding and ownership of the EU'.

It is astounding, therefore, that the Second International Human Trafficking and Smuggling Conference (ISS), held this year in Munich, should have received funding from the 'Europe for Citizens' programme. The homepage of the organiser (<http://iss2015.eu/>) also states that the conference was co-financed using money from the programme.

1. How much funding did the conference receive from the Europe for Citizens programme?
2. Promoting people-smuggling should most definitely not be seen as a 'common European value'. How does the Commission reconcile the objectives of the Europe for Citizens programme with the conference's aim of making people-smuggling socially acceptable?
3. Will more EU money be used to promote people-smuggling in the future?