

**Question for written answer E-003875/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of European Investment Bank funds outside the EU

Even as the EU racks up EUR 687 billion in debt, the European Investment Bank (EIB) continues to finance projects beyond EU borders. According to the bank's latest activity report, more than 10 % of the EUR 88 billion committed in 2024 was invested outside Europe – for example, in sub-Saharan Africa or in projects with little direct link to European competitiveness, such as the mattress industry in Mauritania.

What is more, the EIB's climate action priority currently absorbs 57 % of committed funds, with scant support for nuclear energy, despite its essential role in steadily decarbonising and achieving energy sovereignty.

1. Does the Commission consider it appropriate for the EIB to continue financing projects outside the EU even as the EU's debt reaches historic levels? If so, how does it justify that position?
2. How could the Commission contribute to a revision of EIB's priorities to channel more funds into projects that directly advance Europe's industrial competitiveness, innovation and energy independence, including support for nuclear power?

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