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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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361 Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

How much money has been (a) pledged and (b) paid by each member state of the European Union to South Africa in the (i) 2014-15 and (ii) 2015-16 financial years?

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REPLY:

(1) *Pledges or commitment by European Union Member states*

European Member states	Commitment			Period
	Currency	Amount	Rand¹	
Belgium	EUR	25,000,000.00	350,000,000.00	2012-2016
Denmark	DKK	40,000,000.00	80,000,000.00	2013-2016
EU	EUR	241,000,000.00	3,374,000,000.00	2014-2020
Finland	EUR	-	-	-
Flanders (Belgium)	EUR	25,000,000.00	350,000,000.00	2012-2016
France	EUR	-	-	-
Germany	EUR	31,000,000.00	434,000,000.00	2014-2019
Greece	EUR	-	-	-
Ireland	EUR	-	-	-
Italy	EUR	-	-	-
Portugal	EUR	-	-	-
United Kingdom	GBP	3,000,000.00	54,000,000.00	P/a from 2015
			Total 4,642,000,000.00	

Bilateral pledges from the individual European Union member states usually comprise a government allocation and a non-government allocation i.e. for the South African non-state actors (Civil Society and Non-profit organisations etc). The latter resource is allocated directly to the recipients by individual member states. This in effect means that not all financial pledges are allocated directly through South African government systems. Each member state has its own financial system and therefore the pledges

¹ Estimated annual average Exchange rate of R14.00 per Euro; R19.00 per British GBP; R2.00 per Denmark Krone

are not done in a uniform manner, but vary in duration and allocation due to the different budgetary systems already referred to.

(2) *Money paid by European Union Member states*

European Member states	Actual disbursed amount in Rand	
	FY 2014/2015	FY 2015/2016
Belgium	49,942,868.24	-
Denmark	-	19,033,355.64
EU	1,264,723,022.00	66,781,622.28
Finland	-	20,893,509.49
Flanders	1,044,541.16	667,250.00
France	-	-
Germany	20,381,629.44	11,809,691.26
Greece	-	-
Ireland	179,072.85	-
Italy	467,418.00	331,060.86
Portugal	68,101.76	-
United Kingdom	13,357,148.09	-
Total	1,350,163,801.54	119,516,489.53

In responding to the second part of this question, certain clarifications are required with regard to the aid received by South Africa.

The aid for which the South African Government is held accountable is deemed to be Official Development Assistance (ODA) and is governed by government-to-government agreements. This assistance can be in the form of *grants* (whereby funds are 'usually' channeled through the Treasury RDP Fund), or in the form of *technical cooperation* (e.g. provision of expertise, technical assistance, training, study tours, etc.). It is not possible to provide a complete account of consolidated ODA, inclusive of the technical assistance, as the information on the total costed value of technical assistance is provided by the various donors and is difficult to verify. The table above indicates the actual grant amounts received from the European Union Member states through the RDP Fund during financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16.