

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4864/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Changes to the criteria for assistance under the operational programme 'Infrastructure and Environment'

With reference to the press releases on the Commission's activities in relation to the planned Polish 'Infrastructure and Environment' programme:

1. What legal basis enables the Commission to alter the eligibility criteria for the funding of individual projects once the national operational programmes have been approved?
2. Are there any cases in which, following the approval of a project, the Commission has interfered in the sovereign decisions of a Member State concerning the allocation of funding to particular projects?
3. Is it true that the Commission is attempting to exert pressure on Poland to exclude the Wyższa Szkoła Kultury Społecznej i Medialnej (Higher School of Social and Media Culture) in Toruń from the group of institutions benefiting from the 'Infrastructure and Environment' programme?
4. Has the Commission carried out an objective assessment of this fast developing institution in Toruń with a programme based on the values of Latin civilization? Or will it yield to pressure from narrow circles culturally removed from Christian Europe?