

**Question for written answer E-010169/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Preservation and reconstruction of historic buildings

I would like to assist a significant cultural development project in Békéscsaba, which is part of my constituency.

Our aim is partly to rescue houses in Békéscsaba which are hundreds of years old and which retain the elements of rural architecture of their epoch, and partly to reconstruct and preserve for posterity the condemned buildings as a 'local museum'. This would be a 'living museum' evoking perfectly the atmosphere of centuries past.

Alongside the city's characteristic Slovak and Hungarian houses to be constructed would be sited structures typical of the region's other nationalities: Swabian, Romanian, Roma and Serb-style buildings, recalling the centuries-old common past of the Southern Great Plains Region.

The 'living museum' would differ in its essential 'utility value' from other, similar museums which are only 'for show' in that making the houses and their surroundings habitable would enable the past to be 'tried out', with visitors moving in to the facilities able to experience the way of life of their forebears for themselves.

We would like to use all available EU funding for this project. In the light of the above, I should like to ask the Commission:

1. What EU regional, cohesion or regional development funds could be drawn on to help finance the project?
2. What EU funds, under the Creative Europe programme, the Europe for Citizens programme and other cultural programmes, could be applied for in order to achieve the objective set out above?