

**Question for written answer E-010911/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Support for the SELPA project - 'Sustainable Energy Local Plan in Action'

The SELPA – 'Sustainable Energy Local Plan in Action' – project aims to implement a series of measures identified under the Sustainable Energy Action Plan by setting up a network of rural municipalities from various countries to exchange knowledge and experience. The project's objectives include, amongst others, capacity-building and knowledge enhancement on the part of the local authorities, identifying and preparing sustainable energy projects, rolling out measures to produce measurable energy savings and identifying economic development opportunities.

The Portuguese authorities taking part in this project – which is of huge importance for local sustainable development – are the *Instituto Superior Técnico* [Higher Technical Institute], Moura Town Council and Cabeceiras de Basto Town Council.

Although an application has been submitted to the Horizon 2020 programme ('Market Uptake' budget line) and assessed positively, it appears that no funding has been obtained – clearly compromising the project.

We ask the European Commission:

1. Is it considering the possibility of making additional funding available for the budget line in question, thereby ensuring the funding of projects such as SELPA, which have received a positive assessment?
2. Which other EU (directly managed) programmes and measures could support a project like SELPA?