

**Question for written answer E-000728/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of the Structural Funds to implement demographic change in the EU

Expanding on my previous question E-006532/14, since regional policy is a key instrument for addressing demographic change — given that it co-finances projects that enable such change to be properly organised, empowering the Member States and regions to use the Structural Funds to develop appropriate strategies — during the 2007-2013 programming period the Member States had planned to spend some EUR 30 000 million (8.5% of the Structural Funds) on such measures as part of their operational programmes.

How much was effectively spent with a view to implementing demographic change in the EU, what were the key measures taken by the various countries and what is the Commission's outlook for 2014-2020?