

**Question for written answer E-001810/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Non-repayable financing of investments in institutions of national minorities

Judging from information according to which the European Commission has adopted a Competitiveness and Cohesion 2014 to 2020 Operational Programme for Croatia which does not include the possibility of funding investments in the construction of kindergartens and schools, there is now a question mark over the realisation of many other such needed investments which were planned for. The city of Pula in the County of Istria, which is bilingual and highly reputed for its concern for the status and functioning of national minorities, was planning and preparing the construction of the kindergarten 'Rin Tin Tin' - Sijana 2, intended for the autochthonous Italian national community.

Prompted by the queries of citizens, I ask the European Commission:

Is there a specific EU instrument designed for non-repayable financing of investments in institutions (kindergartens, schools, etc.) to improve the status and ensure the functioning of national minorities and ethnic groups, which are guaranteed by laws on national minorities?