

**Question for written answer E-003317/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: SME Initiative

By late January 2015, Spain was the only Member State to have launched the SME Initiative, which the Commission hopes will kick-start investment by small and medium-sized enterprises. Spain sets aside part of the Structural Fund resources earmarked for it, and on that basis the EIB guarantees loans for SMEs and securitises pre-existing loans.

What type of projects will be funded?

Which kinds of SMEs will be able to obtain funding under the initiative?