

**Question for written answer E-003778/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Development of entrepreneurial skills

According to recent studies, a series of economic and social issues have become apparent over time in rural areas, such as an underdeveloped entrepreneurial culture, low adult participation in education and lifelong learning, the absence of further training in rural areas and a high percentage of persons working in subsistence agriculture. Also, it must be noted that there is a growing trend of the migration of women from the rural to the urban environment, with women leaving in search of a job and thus creating imbalances among workers in rural areas. Given that the development of the rural economy requires that the potential of both men and women be tapped into, what solutions does the Commission propose for the improvement of the entrepreneurial and managerial skills of women in order to increase the number of companies both in rural and in urban areas?

Would the Commission consider establishing EU programmes for the promotion of equal employment opportunities that would entail women – especially women in rural areas – being involved in setting up their own businesses, in order to promote entrepreneurship?