

**Question for written answer E-003828/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Regional offices in Brussels

According to available information, Brussels has over 300 offices of regions and cities of the Member States of the EU. This is a great resource for better connection among EU institutions and regional and local authorities, and therefore citizens as well. Depending on the structure of individual countries some of these regional offices also have a role in shaping policies and decisions made in EU bodies. Such offices allow the networking of local and regional authorities of the EU and thereby contribute to and support awareness of European unity, the European idea and identity and European values. Since Member States vary in their structures and economic power, some of the offices have closed down in recent years due to the economic crisis, and some have financial difficulties in functioning.

- Is the Commission aware of the role, importance, activities and the general considerations involved in the work of such offices?
- Are there measures in place, or being prepared, to allow funding of such regional and local offices through appropriate EU programmes?