

**Question for written answer E-003914/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rehabilitation plan for the 'islands' of Porto

The 'islands' in the city of Porto, in Portugal, are formations of social and working-class housing, grouped together and isolated from other dwellings, surrounded by streets on all sides, which were built since the mid-19th century, and which persist in the city to this day. According to one available study, in the year 2000 there were approximately 1 200 islands in Porto, inhabited by about 20 000 people in precarious and, in most cases, unsanitary conditions. Many of these islands still exist in a derelict and dilapidated state.

A rehabilitation plan is therefore urgently needed which, apart from ensuring the quality of the urban fabric and public health, must, above all, safeguard the right to housing in decent and habitable circumstances.

We therefore ask the European Commission:

1. Which EU funds can bring this plan to fruition and what type of community co-financing has been provided for?
2. Within the scope of programming structural funds and investments for Portugal, was any action towards rehabilitating this type of housing considered?