

**Question for written answer E-004691/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Building the infrastructure for an optical network

As Prefect of Istria County, I started work several years ago on preparing the construction of an electronic fibre-optic communication network that would connect all the local government units and the most important institutions in the region. The aim was to set up high-speed internet and implement the most advanced information technology solutions, improve the functioning of public administration and create better conditions for the Istrian economy, all in accordance with the objectives of the EU in this field.

As building such a physical infrastructure is very expensive, I ask the following question: can it, as a public sector investment, be financed from European Union structural funds, or from other European programmes?