

**Question for written answer E-006961/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Funding for social development projects for young carers

An Irish constituent who worked as the country's first development officer for young carers – young people with caring responsibilities – is trying to set up a dedicated young carers organisation, which would assist with the provision of community and schooling support among other things. While other welfare systems in Europe and beyond recognise 'young carers' as a distinct category to help identify children at risk or in need of support from child welfare services, recognition of the term in the literature is in its infancy in Ireland. In consequence, essential social work in this area is, by and large, absent. Likewise, there is no way of identifying children of parents with a mental illness.

Could the Commission therefore point to any funding opportunities in the field of social innovation or any other funding streams to support such social development projects?