

**Question for written answer E-009950/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Aid for private social solidarity institutions (Inválidos do Comércio)

'Inválidos do Comércio' is a Lisbon-based private social solidarity institution that is almost a hundred years old and plays a very important role in several social areas, particularly in providing services for children and the elderly. Its residential home and crèche have about 450 users.

The economic and social crisis in Portugal continues to have an impact on the day-to-day running of the institution, leading to severe constraints and difficulties in undertaking a range of investments that are needed to improve and extend the services it provides – which are, in turn, needed to respond to increasing social needs.

Projects the institution has identified as priorities include work to refurbish buildings, particularly the residential home, in order to provide users with a better quality of life (such as en suite bathrooms), and expanding the services it provides for children by building a nursery school, and providing other health and leisure facilities.

Which EU programmes and measures (direct and shared management) could provide funding for these investments and projects, and what would the funding con