Question for written answer E-010919/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Promotion of corporate social responsibility policies among SMEs

In recent years the EU has introduced a number of initiatives with a view to encouraging more firms to adopt corporate social responsibility policies and overcoming one of the main obstacles to their success, namely the fact that they are often implemented exclusively by large companies, whereas the vast majority of European businesses are SMEs.

What progress has been made in promoting corporate social responsibility policies among companies in the EU?

What progress is being made in encouraging SMEs to also adopt policies of this kind?