

**Question for written answer E-013492/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Social entrepreneurship

Social enterprises are a very strong driver of change to produce better results for the common good and become the real engine of growth in the EU, contributing to growth itself and to employment.

One of their goals is not so much to generate profits for shareholders, but to have a social impact, since they allocate their profits to the achievement of social goals by responding to unmet needs through innovation.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. what measures it intends to take to support the development of social enterprises through the provision of free services designed to identify policies for the development of social entrepreneurship;
2. whether and how it intends to step up efforts at national and/or regional level;
3. how it intends to use the Structural Funds and other forms of support available?