Question for written answer E-007969/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Edward Czesak (ECR)

Subject: On facilitating the access of regional and local authorities to European Structural and

Investment Funds

Mr Commissioner.

funds from European Structural and Investment Funds aimed at promoting regional development bring a whole host of benefits. Regional development is not only important for the EU, but also for regional and local authorities, which are most aware of the problems that their communities face. It is only through properly implemented regional policy that the situation in the regions will improve for both residents and businesses. However, funds must be obtained to this end.

In the Commission's view, what steps should be taken to make it easier for regional and local authorities to gain access to European Structural and Investment Funds?

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