

**Question for written answer E-009437/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Culture and Creative Industries

Cultural and creative industries are those industries that are based on cultural values, individual creativity, skills and talent with the potential to create wealth and jobs through generating value from intellectual property. In these industries, women face the same barriers as in other economic sectors, especially as regards the remuneration and pensions gap between women and men, access to finance, stereotypes, training and lifelong learning. The huge potential of women innovators and entrepreneurs and the important role which they play in the cultural and creative industries must be encouraged and, consequently, financial support and adequate training must be encouraged, by promoting the exchange of good practice among the cultural and creative industries.

Taking into account that there are several sectors within the cultural and creative industries which should get financial support and special funds from the European Union to encourage the career opportunities of these women, and also to develop and generate their innovative potential, does the Commission envisage any proper solutions to facilitate access to funds and finance?