

**Question for written answer E-009714/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cultural cooperation projects

In Europe, more than half of foreign tourists visiting various EU countries say that the main purpose of their trip is that of visiting cultural venues and a third of EU citizens say they pursue a cultural activity when moving within the country in which they live. On the other hand, the relevant statistics show that in some states, 80% of visitors focus on 20% of the territory. However, stakeholders in this field maintain that it is beneficial for all regions to have programmes to reduce this imbalance and to showcase less-known venues by including them on various tours.

How does the Commission intend to support cooperation projects between cultural and tourism institutions in the Member States in order to reduce this imbalance, including across borders, to hold joint events involving several local and regional authorities in different countries, to implement joint vocational training projects for people in the above-mentioned fields and to develop different programmes for young people and less advantaged people?