

**Question for written answer E-000820/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reconstruction of university halls of residence in Bratislava

In the Slovak Republic, universities other than those in Bratislava can make use of subsidies from the European Structural and Investment Funds to reconstruct the student halls of residence and improve the energy performance of their buildings. Bratislava has the highest gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in Slovakia and for that reason universities there do not have the option to draw on EU funds for that purpose. They are reliant only on the financial capacities of the State budget, which are considerably lower.

Is there an EU restriction whereby universities in the city with the highest GDP in a Member State are not eligible for a subsidy from the European Structural and Investment Funds for the reconstruction of student halls or improvement of the energy performance of buildings?

Does the EU not believe that Member States can and should be permitted to draw support from the European Structural and Investment Funds for the benefit of universities in the capitals and/or cities with the highest GDP per capita for the purpose of reconstructing halls of residence and improving the energy performance of buildings?

Is there any other kind of subsidy at EU level for which Bratislava's universities can apply for that purpose?