

Question for written answer P-010636/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: European Progress Microfinance Facility - Information on intermediaries in Slovakia

In accordance with Article 8(5) of Decision No 283/2010/EU, the Commission shall make efforts to ensure that the European Progress Microfinance Facility (EPMF) meets its objective and is accessible across the European Union to those who are at risk of social exclusion or who are finding it difficult to enter the conventional credit market.

To be able to evaluate whether this objective is being met, the Commission collects information from intermediaries on the undertaken activities. In relation to the EPMF in Slovakia:

1. How many applications have been approved or rejected by intermediaries providing microcredit, how many contracts have been concluded, and how many projects have been funded since the launch of the Facility?
2. What has been the total number and type of beneficiaries, and what has been the geographical and sectorial distribution of the amounts granted since the launch of the Facility?
3. What organisations have provided training and mentoring to the final beneficiaries? Have these organisations received funding from the European Social Fund? How many beneficiaries have benefited, and from what kind of support?