

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3184/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: EQUAL programme

At the meetings the Commission has held with officials from the various Member States regarding the EQUAL programme, it has undertaken to submit a document laying down guidelines and formulas for the partnerships under the programme.

1. Given that the deadlines for the Community programme EQUAL are rather tight, when will the Commission comply with its undertaking to submit a document on partnerships, since this is essential to meet the objectives of the programme?
2. What criteria will be used for allocating Community aid if a partnership is submitted between an objective 1 region and a region not covered by the objectives?