

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3733/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Social partnerships for regional structural development in Saxony

The 'Stiftung Innovation und Arbeit Sachsen' ('Foundation for Innovation and Employment in Saxony') is a specific example of one of Saxony's 'Alliances for Employment'. Employers, employees and the state are represented in equal numbers in the foundation's bodies, and one of its tasks is to provide expert advice to small and medium-sized enterprises. The regional forums provide an infrastructure enabling regional actors to become involved in the development of regional models and projects.

1. How important does the Commission believe it is to support social partnerships for regional structural development?
2. What forms of EU aid are available to social partnerships for regional structural development, such as the 'Stiftung Innovation und Arbeit Sachsen'?
3. Is it necessary to change from institutional to project-based aid for regional offices for technical reasons?
4. In view of the principle of additionality, has a firm deadline been set for the granting of aid to organisational structures such as the regional offices?
5. How does the Commission believe Structural Fund aid should interact with measures taken by the Free State of Saxony in order to ensure the lasting success of social partnerships for regional structural policy?