

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0331/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Setting up of a regional coordination centre for social policy for the Balkans

Some considerable time ago the Commission announced the setting up, or joint setting up, of a regional coordination centre for social policy in the Balkans. The establishment of the centre was scheduled for spring 2004.

What is the situation as regards the establishment of this regional social policy coordination centre for countries in south-eastern Europe?

In particular,

How far have preparations for setting up the centre come?

What is the scheduled date for its activities to begin?

Where will the centre be?

What staff and financial resources will be assigned to the coordination centre?

What are the centre's tasks?

What partners will be involved in the setting up and operation of the centre?

How will the countries in the region be involved in the setting up and operation of the centre?