

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0170/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: Social aid programme to benefit young people from low-income families

Why does the EU not honour its commitments concerning the three-year social programme designed to benefit young people from low-income families, especially those living in the countryside?

After Poland's accession to the EU, the criteria for the award of grants under the programme were revised downwards on several occasions, with the absurd outcome that, in Krosno, which is in my constituency, only children in families with a per capita monthly income lower than PLZ 50 - EUR 12.50 - may receive a grant. This is an act of blatant dishonesty by the EU which is, in this way, cheating and humiliating Polish families after some of them, in their naivety, voted for accession to the EU.