

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0941/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Social services of general interest (SSGI)

Would the Commission indicate whether non-profit associations and other stakeholders in the social economy could be granted a derogation to enable them to continue to benefit from local authority funding on a partnership basis? In the period of crisis which we are currently undergoing, the cooperative, mutual and non-profit sector increasingly acts as a catalyst for the integration of vulnerable people, creativity and innovation in a rapidly changing society. It would be a pity if a regulatory framework were to have the effect of depriving Europe of this force for good.