

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3688/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Possible financing for the establishment of hotel facilities for tourists in the municipality of Poggio Catino, Province of Rieti

At some 40 km from Rome lies the Sabina area – one of the most beautiful, unspoiled parts of Lazio. In that area a 250 sq. m. farm has been carefully renovated, to create hotel facilities for tourists. The Lazio Region has authorised the renovation project for the existing building and the extension of that building by a further 250 sq. m. to be used as a care home for self-sufficient elderly people; the home will have a residential accommodation capacity for 20 people over an area of 15 000 sq. m. In addition, the aim is to further extend the project to provide rural tourist facilities (*agriturismo*) on a further 15 000 sq. m. of available land; this will involve the building of a restaurant and a residence, to accommodate 30 people in 15 rooms, and will include a swimming pool area, a tennis court and riding stables.

The establishment of these hotel facilities and the care home for the elderly would create new jobs and would provide momentum for the entire economy of Sabina.

That said, can the Commission:

1. say whether there are any programmes or available funding for this work;
2. give a general overview of the situation?