

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3957/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Pace of disbursement of rural development aid

A number of studies show that rural development aid payments are proceeding at a slow pace. So far, no more than one-third of the 2007-2013 rural development envelope – 430 billion forints – has been used, of which roughly 100 billion forints has been disbursed. The slow pace of disbursements receives the most criticism in connection with applications for rural development funding.

The studies suggest that disbursements are slowed down mainly because of the provisions of Community legislation.

What action is the Commission taking in order to speed up the disbursement of rural development aid?