

**Question for written answer E-001148/2011
to the Commission**
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Subject: Publicity for European cofinancing in the regions

Solidarity is a founding value of the EU. For decades, the Structural Funds have fostered the growth of, and greater integration between, Europe's regions. Today, they are even the principal source of EU expenditure.

Cofinanced projects have become part of our daily lives (high-speed rail, motorway networks, digital broadband, restoration of monuments, etc.). Unfortunately, the public remains underinformed as to the contribution of the EU. In my constituency, certain members of the public have alerted me to the total lack of any reference to the EU's contribution in communication materials (signs, leaflets) from some beneficiaries of these funds.

What obligations and duties must the managers of such projects fulfil with regard to publicity?