

**Question for written answer E-001257/2011
to the Commission
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Subject: Possibilities offered by the EU for the organisation of a cultural festival on the history of aviation

The association 'Des étoiles et des ailes' (stars and wings), which is based in the city of Toulouse, is organising for the second consecutive year an Aerospace Art and Literary Festival. This event, to be held in the second half of this year, will bring together hundreds of young people, students, artists and industrialists who share a passion for aviation.

This project aims to communicate their passion and their knowledge. The adventure of aviation has had a profound impact on Europe's industrial history. Today, the manufacture of aircraft and spacecraft is one of the pillars of our growth. It forms part of the culture of many regions, particularly south-west France.

Local partnerships will provide part of the material and financial support that the organisers will need.

Can the EU support an event of this kind? What possibilities for co-funding are there that might help the association? To whom should it apply in this regard?