

**Question for written answer E-000491/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ensuring access to funds under the Juncker Investment Package

President Juncker recently unveiled an ambitious plan to deliver financing to fill gaps in investment capital within the EU economy, which has been starved of investment since the financial crisis of 2008.

While the availability of funds is a key issue, many have noted that a primary reason for a lack of investment supported by EU funds is the complexity of application processes, the level of technical expertise required to make successful bids for funding, and the difficulty for smaller organisations to bid for relatively small amounts of finance for projects.

While expert advice is available, it is often difficult for smaller organisations to access such guidance, and availability varies greatly from country to country.

1. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that appropriate technical support is made available to improve accessibility to projects?
2. Can the Commission develop its dialogue with the financial services sector to facilitate banks and other organisations in offering technical advice to help smaller organisations access funding?
3. Does the Commission foresee a way of providing such support, i.e. allowing for overhead costs of technical advice to be provided and paid for within the funding programmes?