

**Question for written answer E-003724/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Inadequate funding for education

In 2019, the number of educational establishments in Romania with inadequate washroom facilities was still in excess of 1 100. From the beginning of this academic year, schools in Romania have been facing very serious problems, with hundreds of thousands of pupils struggling to cope under far from ideal conditions, being forced to use outside toilet blocks that are in a very poor state of repair and even downright dangerous.

In addition to the problem of outside toilets, pupils are being taught in dilapidated classrooms whose ceiling is likely to collapse around their ears at any moment, while gifted students are being denied the necessary support and encouragement. The list is endless. This not only reflects poorly on the Romanian education system but also constitutes a health and safety risk for pupils.

What resources does the Commission have at its disposal to assist the Romanian authorities in improving their school infrastructures?