

**Question for written answer E-006621/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Pilot programme for the Republic of Moldova

The ECIPES Programme was developed following consultations with all stakeholders¹, through meetings held with the Commission, the Committee of the Regions and 60 MEPs (who recorded VOX Populi, organised a debate in Parliament and sent letters to the Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Council). The programme was discussed in Moldova with 150 municipal councils (15%), 1000 young people (future entrepreneurs) and 70 entrepreneurs (including business associations), members of parliament and the government. The final version of the programme was submitted to the Commission to be implemented for the benefit of the people of Moldova.

Seven questions on the programme, signed by 17 MEPs from six EU Member States, have already been sent to the Commission regarding a mechanism for allocating funds directly from the Commission to Moldovan citizens or local officials without the need for intermediaries, using a digital programme. In view of this: Does the amendment adopted¹ (Energy, environment and climate change p.95) relate to the ECIPES pilot programme and could it be developed to bring Europe closer to homes, localities and small businesses in Moldova? Can ECIPES provisions be used for other partner countries²?

¹ <https://idep.md/new/2019/11/18/ecipes-program-concept/>

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2020-10-20_RO.html?fbclid=IwAR0qtcb1vkwJOe0wOwLRS3N_kGQGdI4pNbJvN6wDruA1BhPLbI5IGcsRuPU