Question for written answer E-000807/2024 to the Commission Rule 138

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Measures to support the European book sector Subject:

The data and the resolution adopted by the European Parliament of 14 September 2023 on the future of the European book sector make clear that timely financial action is needed if the sector is to be saved.

In particular, SMEs in the sector, mainly independent bookshops and publishers, appear to be at risk of closure owing to market challenges, including, for example, generative artificial intelligence and a shortage of financial support.

Secondly, publications in regional or minority languages may also disappear, mainly because of the difficulties encountered when attempting to circulate works of those kinds.

In the light of the above:

- 1. What action will the Commission take to protect the sector?
- 2. Does it plan to support European publications, particularly those concerning the history and traditions of the peoples of Europe?

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