

ORAL QUESTION H-0625/03

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to the Commission

Subject:           The Lisbon Strategy

In 2000 the Lisbon Strategy was adopted with a new strategic objective for the coming decade: to become the world's most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy, with the prospect of sustainable economic growth, with more and better jobs and a higher degree of social cohesion. To achieve this objective a comprehensive strategy is needed. It is now three years since that objective was set out, but progress remains limited. One reason for this is that the Member States are not implementing Community decisions quickly enough. Another is that the Member States are looking more to their own interests than to the common interest.

In view of the limited progress on the Lisbon strategy, what initiatives does the Commission propose to take to achieve the objectives laid down in that strategy?

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