

ORAL QUESTION H-0155/04

for Question Time at the part-session in April 2004
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Liam Hyland
to the Commission

Subject: From Cork to Salzburg: the future of rural development

In Salzburg last November a number of conclusions were agreed on the future of rural development, marking a new stage in the process begun in Cork in 1996, when the Cork 10-point Declaration was adopted and the need to raise public awareness about making a new start in rural development was brought home.

How does the Commission intend to respond to the principles adopted at the Salzburg conference, namely: investing in a living countryside, preserving its diversity, ensuring the competitiveness of the farming sector, serving the needs of broader society, respecting partnership and simplifying rural development policy, and what system of funding does the Commission now favour to achieve a rural policy that sustains both the farming community and rural stakeholders?

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