

ORAL QUESTION H-0881/05
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2005
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Reino Paasilinna
to the Council

Subject: i2010 Strategy

The Commission's i2010 Strategy has a central role to play in attaining the Lisbon Objectives of employment and growth. The prime aim of the Strategy is to ensure that an operating environment is created in Europe which enables the markets for information and communication technologies to flourish at the same time as guaranteeing that the interests of society and of citizens are satisfied. These objectives can be achieved only if adequate resources are allocated to them.

How will the Council encourage the Member States to undertake concrete measures to attain the Lisbon Objectives and particularly to meet the targets for investment in research and product development set in the i2010 Strategy for Europe's biggest growth area, information and communication technologies?

What political support will the Council give to the i2010 initiative? How will the Council take account of Parliament's view of the matter? How will the Council advocate the attainment of the i2010 objectives? Can the Council confirm that these views will be taken into account when adopting decisions on financial frameworks?

Tabled: 13.10.2005

fi