

ORAL QUESTION H-1024/06  
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2006  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding of Europe Houses ('Maisons de l'Europe')

The Europe Houses organise local schemes to promote better relations among Europeans and to improve their understanding of the EU and its goals. To this end, the Houses employ a variety of measures wherever possible aimed at reaching a broad range of people. They have formed national federations in several Member States and belong to EUNET, an association of non-governmental organisations set up in 2004.

It appears that, in spite of the adoption of the 'Citizens for Europe' programme, the aim of which was to provide structural assistance for each Europe House, these bodies will not receive European Union funding owing to a lack of thereof, with available monies to be reserved for the supervisory board of the European network EUNET. Can the Commission clarify the situation and confirm that the Europe Houses will continue to receive operational funding from January 2007?

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