

ORAL QUESTION H-0193/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Grants under Action 4.1 of the Youth in Action Programme

Informal discussions reveal that, in providing grants for bodies active at European level in the field of youth (Action 4.1 of the Youth in Action Programme), account has been taken of the number of activities that these bodies organise annually. On the basis of this criterion an order was established for providing support.

This evidently happened without comparing the number of activities with the size of the organisation or the number of its members. This makes it de facto impossible for smaller organisations to continue to qualify for European support, whereas European support is crucial to them for their survival.

Can the Commission confirm this practice? Will the Commission operate the same criteria for selecting / establishing the order for grants under Action 4.1 in future? Is the Commission prepared in future to balance the number of activities against the size of the organisation?

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