

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0443/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Activities of the RACINE association

The French private-law association RACINE (Network for the Support and Capitalisation of European Innovations) which is active in the areas of employment and professional training has as its aim 'helping to ensure that Community guidelines are given practical effect in the French context' by providing technical assistance to project organisers. It receives considerable support from the ESF which seems to provide 90% of its operating budget.

Is the Commission in a position to assess the contribution the association actually makes, which certainly does not appear to have a high profile among those active in social affairs? Are details of how it uses its funds and full accounts publicly available?