

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3394/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: ADAPT

During the last budgetary period the Community initiative ADAPT was a transnational development programme co-financed by the European Social Fund to the amount of € 1600 million, with a further € 1700 million in funding being provided in the Member States. A sum of nearly € 3400 million was spent by 3680 project organisers.

Projects included lifelong learning, skills development, IT at the workplace, equality, etc. With all due respect to follow-up, annual reports, and final reports, the most important point is that the lessons are learnt and the results and findings of the projects should be applied even after the projects have been completed.

It has been said that the Commission did not collect or organise the results produced by the projects. It would rather seem that when EUROPS, the European support body working on the Commission's behalf, closed down, the material collected was destroyed.

Is this a fair description of events? How will the Commission ensure that this does not happen again and where is the discarded information to be found?