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to the Commission

Subject: Relevant European fund for the restoration and reinforcement of architectural ensembles

The tower of the Evangelical church in the city of Bistrița, which was the highest in Transylvania, burned down on 11 June 2008.

The church is over 500 years old. Besides its inestimable historical importance, it is also the brand for the city of Bistrița. The Evangelical church is part of the Evangelical High Consistory of Sibiu.

Restoration, reinforcement and reconstruction work needs to be performed on the spire, roof and clock of this European asset as swiftly as possible. The damage has been estimated at over one million euro.

Can the European Commission state:

1. What relevant funds there are for the restoration and reinforcement of this architectural ensemble, which is the only one of its kind in Transylvania?
2. How can those funds be accessed?