

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0823/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Closure of rural post offices

At the moment, state aid rules preclude government (and significant county council) intervention to support the business of running a post office, which would otherwise run at a loss.

Would the Commission investigate the potential for easing state aid rules in favour of rural post offices that play a significant role in maintaining communities within rural areas and supporting an independent lifestyle for many elderly and vulnerable people?