

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3598/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: School buildings

In Italy, we have been waiting for a register of school buildings since 1996, in order to be able to identify buildings and their structural soundness, in addition to other aspects relating to the rules on fire, gas and electrical safety.

The recent earthquake in the city of L'Aquila and its province has drawn attention once again to the sensitive issue of safety in schools, given that many schools were declared unsafe for use following the earthquake on 6 April.

Owing to the high level of seismicity in Italy, including the relevant geological risk, measures to establish definitive safety standards for school buildings need to be immediately implemented, in order to protect the young people who occupy such buildings.

Can the Commission therefore say what measures the EU intends to take, in view of the inertia hitherto shown by the competent Italian authorities?