

**Question for written answer P-006372/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: ERDF funding for the reinforcement of buildings at high seismic risk

Romania's National Residence Strategy (*Strategie Națională a Locuirii*) has classified around 10 577 households and 607 buildings across the country in the highest seismic risk category (Category I). Over half of those buildings are located in Bucharest, which is considered to be the European capital most vulnerable to earthquakes. A great many of the dwellings in question are currently inhabited, meaning that there is a very high risk of human lives being lost in the event of a major earthquake.

Although there is a national programme for the reinforcement of buildings at seismic risk, the insufficient funding allocated and the reluctance of owners to move out for the duration of the works, along with the absence of temporary homes, has meant that this programme has failed to deliver satisfactory results.

Does the Commission think it would be possible for the European Regional Development Fund to finance works to reinforce residential buildings at high seismic risk in Romania, via the relevant Regional Operational Programme for Romania? If so, would all of Romania's development regions qualify for such measures?