(English version)

Question for written answer E-004325/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Greimersburg village shop

In the municipality of Greimersburg (712 inhabitants), a village shop (‘Oose Lade’) was opened with the support of the village shop agency ‘M.Punkt RLP — Mach Dein Dorf’. The preliminary analysis and consultation was co-financed by the European Social Fund from 2009 to 2013. ([1])

1. How does the Commission assess the proportionality of the amount of EU funding provided for the preparatory and consultation phase of the ‘Oose Lade’ project in relation to the size of the village in question?

2. Does the Commission have any information on the long-term economic viability of the village shop or the need for ongoing support from public funds?

3. How does the Commission ensure that EU funds from the European Social Fund are not used for micro-projects which have no measurable impact on labour market integration?

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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu on behalf of the European Commission
(13 January 2026)

The Commission confirms that the project ‘M.Punkt RLP — Mach’ Dein Dorf’ was co-financed from the European Social Fund (ESF) programme Rhineland-Palatinate between 2009 and 2013.

1. The ESF in Germany is implemented in one national and several regional programmes (e.g. Rhineland-Palatinate) and it is managed under shared management rules. Member States are responsibile for selecting the projects (e.g. assessing the proportionality of a given project, trustworthiness of the beneficiaries) and controlling and auditing them.

2. The ESF support for the project ‘M.Punkt RLP — Mach’ Dein Dorf’ ended in 2013. Since 2014 the project has been receiving national funding from the Ministry of the Interior and Sport of Rhineland-Palatinate.

3. The Commission measures the impact of an ESF programme by using indicators (output/result), without looking specifically at project level. However, to measure the impact of a given ESF project (e.g. labour market integration) an assessment is carried out post-implementation. Such an assessment is within the scope of authority of the Member State based on the shared management principle.

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[1] Source: https://what-europe-does-for-me.europarl.europa.eu/en/region/16:1566?kind=prj&search=greimersburg (consulted on: 14.10.2025).