

**Question for written answer E-000776/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Opening up a way for social enterprises

According to the judgment of the Court of Justice of 8 September 2011 in Joined Cases C-78/08 to 80/08, third-sector bodies can be considered as belonging to a category of organisations that guarantee 'social freedoms', thereby entitling them to certain benefits. The indifference being shown by the Commission is of great concern, as it is effectively preventing the actual implementation of new social enterprises and has left this sector, which is clearly growing, in a state of limbo when it comes to planning. In view of this:

1. Why is the Commission refusing to comment on the measures set out in Italy's Third Sector Code and why is it insisting on having the Italian Government notify it of something that has already been explicitly regulated – namely that non-profit organisations covered by the Third Sector Code and listed in the National Single Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS) are entitled to State aid as economic enterprises offering goods and services and falling under the exemptions for protected categories?
2. Can the Commission explain what measures involving State aid it is that have not already been notified under the Third Sector Code and should be notified by the Italian Government to the Commission for its opinion?

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