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Inquiry regarding EU funding allocated to Roma inclusion

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Dear First Vice-President Timmermans,

The European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament travelled to Hungary on 2-4 November 2014 to examine the political developments with a particular focus on rule of law, democracy and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Amongst other things, the Committee met with Roma representatives.

Against that backdrop, the Committee would appreciate your response to the following inquiry:

- What was the level of EU funding allocated to Roma inclusion in member states for the years 2008-2013 – i.e. funding allocated with the purpose of improving the livelihood of Roma and bridging the gap between Roma and non-Roma in access to for example (but not necessarily limited to) housing, education, employment and healthcare.
- How have EU funds been distributed to Roma communities, and who has responsibility for management of the programmes?
- What documentation does the Commission have showing that EU funds have been spent in accordance with the intended purpose (to improve Roma inclusion and livelihood)?

I hope the Commission will be able to respond to this inquiry and thus contribute to the Danish Parliament's considerations on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eva Kjer Hansen', written over a horizontal line.

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