

**Question for written answer E-015226/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: De-institutionalisation in the EU

Across the EU, millions of people with mental health problems, elderly people and abandoned children continue to be housed in large accommodation facilities, which are demonstrably unable to provide the personalised service and the appropriate support needed by residents if they are to achieve full social integration. The physical separation from local communities and families greatly limits the ability of those living in institutions to participate fully in society.

Given that the 'Europe 2020' Strategy has set ambitious goals for inclusive growth by assisting Member States to proceed with structural reforms for inclusive integration with the appropriate use of the Structural Funds for de-institutionalisation, will the Commission say:

- How does it explain the fact that most Member States continue to invest mainly in residential care rather than in de-institutionalisation and are extending their existing accommodation facilities or building new ones?
- How can it ensure better controls on the use of Structural Fund resources by Member States for the smooth transition from institutional care to alternative services at the family and the local community level?
- Does it have any statistics for Member States on the reallocation of funds from institutions to comprehensive care at the family and the local community level?