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to the Commission**
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Subject: Overcrowded classrooms

The Romanian Education Law stipulates that pre-school classes should have an average of 15 pupils and a maximum of 20. The actual situation is often in breach of this rule, however, with more and more classes having as many as 40 pupils. This can affect school performance. Romania ranks second from last in the European Union in terms of low levels of pupil achievement in reading, literacy, mathematics and science.

Furthermore, 40% of Romanian pupils are below average in mathematics and have difficulties in reading a text at first sight. The explanation given by education experts centres on the limited options available to a teacher who has to manage and adapt teaching material to 40 pupils with varying degrees of ability.

Given the shortcomings in school infrastructure, what proposals does the Commission have to improve school capacity?

Are there any Commission recommendations as regards European funds available to teaching establishments?