

**Question for written answer E-009038/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU aid for proposed theme park in Murcia

Four theme parks were built during the property boom in Spain. All but one have undergone painful adjustments on account of the huge losses they have incurred, as they are now barely making a profit.

Plans are currently on the table for the erection of a new theme park in Alhama in the Murcia region. According to the company that owns the project, the Commission has approved a grant of EUR 16.28 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which is set to go towards the construction of the complex. This figure comprises 8 % of the estimated total cost, which stands at more than EUR 200 million.

1. Can the Commission confirm whether it has actually granted this aid?
2. Is it aware that the project owner is involved in legal proceedings regarding irregularities in urban development agreements, e.g. the Umbra case?
3. Can it confirm whether it has given its approval to the remainder of the investment required for developing the project, i.e. more than EUR 200 million, in addition to the expected economic impact?