

**Question for written answer E-010013/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fraud in respect of training courses funded by the EU

The former Director-General of Vocational Training for Employment of the Autonomous Government of Andalusia, has told the Spanish authorities that fraud in respect of EU-funded training courses is widespread. In his opinion, this fraud comes about due to the absolute discretion exercised in determining the amounts and beneficiaries of the aid, the lack of accountability and the clientelism characteristic of the Spanish local and regional administration, acknowledged in the EU Anti-Corruption Report (COM(2014)0038).

Bearing in mind the Commission's duty (Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) to ensure that the Member States manage European funds and programmes effectively and transparently, I am asking:

1. Is the Commission going to promote common regulations to assist in preventing fraud in the handling of European funds and avoiding the present differences between States?
2. Does the Commission think it necessary to place a legal obligation on Member States to disclose the identity of the beneficiaries of EU funds in a public, accessible manner?
3. What other measures does the Commission think it appropriate to adopt in view of the fraud affecting the management of European funds and the lack of control, as well as its obligation to prevent such fraud?