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to the Commission**

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Subject: Separation of functions pertaining to the management and control systems for the European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds in Hungary

In April 2014 the Hungarian Government eliminated the 'cooperative bodies' involved in the administrative and distribution system for the European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds in Hungary (these were independent, non-profit private or public companies responsible for overseeing the actual tendering processes by inspecting invoices and confirming the proper completion of work). As part of organisational changes to the management of EU funding in Hungary, these bodies were incorporated into various ministries. At the same time, the Prime Minister's Office became the main distributor and supervisor of the ESI Funds.

1. Can the Commission demonstrate that the measures described above will not reduce efficiency in the spending of the ESI Funds or undermine the proper control of the distribution and use of these funds in Hungary?
2. Is the Commission of the opinion that, following the institutional changes in Hungary of April 2014, these functions remain separate in accordance with Article 72(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council?