

**Question for written answer E-011021/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU aid in Ghana

Following the corruption scandal in Kosovo, another serious case of illicit practices associated with European funds in third countries has come to light, this time concerning funds for Ghana. It is alleged that European money has been used to pay 'ghost workers', with thousands of fictitious state employees appearing on the Ghanaian Government's payroll, partly funded by the EU.

It would be extremely serious if the matters reported by several press organisations were to prove to be true, since it is alleged that the audit report that would have brought the scandal to light was whitewashed and intentionally withheld, with the country continuing to receive funding.

Can the Commission provide the latest information on this matter? Has it been confirmed that the Commission failed to notify the European Parliament and national parliaments of the scandal as soon as it became aware of it? If so, and if the allegations prove to be true, what action is the Commission planning to take?