Question for written answer E-000758/2015 to the Commission

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Subject: San Javier and Corvera airports

In the Region of Murcia, the planning of its airport infrastructure has been disastrous. Specifically, the potential threat posed by the opening of the airport in Corvera, where falsely private, politicised and electioneering investment threatens to destroy and penalise what is currently a viable public airport, namely San Javier airport.

In fact, the European Commission financed a substantial part of the infrastructure of San Javier airport with FEDER funds, at the same time as the regional government was promoting and supporting, by means of a loan of EUR 180 million, the airport at Corvera which is only 40 km from San Javier.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission:

- 1. What tools does the Commission have to check the viability of the projects which are financed with European funds and the benefits derived from them in terms of creating jobs and improving cohesion?
- 2. If it has such tools, how were they used in this case?
- 3. Before granting the FEDER funds, did the Commission warn the Spanish Government about the incoherence and waste associated with having two airports 40 km apart?

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