

**Question for written answer E-001180/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Suspicion of corruption in Hungary

The Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors states that there is a high risk of fraud in Hungary.

The 2014 country-specific recommendations for Hungary urged its government to take serious steps to combat corruption.

A report by Transparency International published in October 2014 points out that corruption is rife in the country. The NGO states that the phenomenon comprises the elimination of independent state institutions, the almost total abolishment of checks and balances, some violation of private ownership rights and also the rise of rent-seeking behaviour and actions.

Moreover, recent actions taken by the Hungarian Government suggest that the activities of independent institutions will be further curtailed and that new laws and administrative arrangements will increase the risk of fraudulent use of EU funds.

Does the Commission intend to take any action in the light of this situation?

Does it plan to strengthen its monitoring of the proper application of the legislation concerning the Structural Funds and European investment in Hungary?