

**Question for written answer E-002144/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Arrests in Andalusia for fraud concerning training courses

On 25 July 2014, I asked the Commission (P-006100/2014) about a possible fraud concerning public funds for training courses to promote employment in Andalusia, Spain. The Spanish Fiscal and Economic Crime Unit (UDEP) is currently detaining about a hundred people in Málaga, Almería and Cádiz for misappropriation of these funds; among those detained are politicians, civil servants and businessmen.

I am aware of the procedure laid down by the Commission for investigating possible fraud involving EU funds, and I therefore ask the following questions:

1. Have the Spanish authorities requested ESF reimbursement under the national or regional operational programmes for the period 2007-2013?
2. Have they provided the Commission with certification of expenditure connected with the aforementioned activities, thus putting the EU budget at risk?