

**Question for written answer E-002231/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Misuse of EU funds in Sicily

The tiny village of Sutera in Sicily, Italy, received a generous EUR 2 million EU grant to build an elevator up the face of a mountain. The elevator was completed in 2012 after endless delays and false starts, but it has never functioned since then because the local authorities cannot afford the EUR 100 000 annual operating, maintenance and insurance costs. There are suspicions, according to an Italian investigation by the magistrates of Caltanissetta, that some of the money paid out to contractors ended up in the pockets of local mafia clans.

Is the Commission aware of this situation?

What action is the Commission taking in order to prevent inefficiency, incompetence and corruption in EU-funded projects?