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Subject: Resignation of Italy's Transport Minister and suspension of European financing for TEN-T projects due to illegalities

The 'Struttura tecnica di missione' [Technical Mission Department, TMD] is a department of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport responsible for managing the award of public works contracts, established in accordance with Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC. Directive 2004/17/EC states that 'the award of public contracts to economic operators who have participated in a criminal organisation or who have been found guilty of corruption...should be avoided', and Article 45 of 2004/18/EC lists the reasons for which candidates should be excluded from participation in a public contract, including corruption.

Ercole Incalza, an engineer and architect who was head of the TMD until December 2014, has been arrested for developing a system for illegally managing the award of public contracts, and for awarding the supervision of very large works projects to acquaintances in return for favours. The incident led to the resignation of the Italian Transport Minister, Maurizio Lupi.

The system developed by Incalza also involved TEN-T projects financed by the European Commission.

Does the Commission consider the actions of Incalza and the Ministry of Transport to be in breach of Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC?

In light of its efforts to discourage and tackle corruption, does the Commission not consider it appropriate to suspend European financing for TEN-T projects where illegal activity is found to have taken place?