

**Question for written answer E-009233/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The 'Mafia Capitale' case - corruption relating to management of migrant reception centres in Rome

The huge corruption scandal unfolding in Rome has led to numerous arrests (44 earlier today and 37 in the police operation which took place on 2 December 2014). Those arrested include Rome city councillors and officials working for the Region of Lazio, who are accused of taking bribes relating to contracts for the management of migrant reception centres. The 44 people arrested today have been charged with a variety of offences, including mafia-style conspiracy, corruption, bid-rigging, false billing and fraudulent transfer of shares, among other things.

Considering that Italy's current immigration management issues are having huge repercussions on both a political and in particular on a social level; given the financial contribution requested from the EU for emergency immigration management, and the funds provided for this purpose; considering that these crimes are rendered all the more intolerable because they involve exploiting those in need for financial gain, and that to take no concrete action would be equally unforgivable,

1. Can the Commission indicate whether it has launched investigations (and what these investigations have uncovered) to ensure that this corrupt immigration management system has had no influence over the distribution of European funding?
2. If no such investigations have been conducted, can the Commission explain why?