

**Question for written answer E-009268/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Irregularities in the awarding of grants in Murcia

On 30 October 2014 Puerto Lumbreras Town Council (Murcia, Spain) was awarded a grant by the Murcian Regional Institute of Development to set up a Centre for Innovation, Knowledge Transfer and Technology and Specialisation in Nutrition, Catering and Tourism Promotion for Food and Drink Companies.

Under the terms of the grant, all other lines of funding were ruled out with the exception of the ERDF. Despite this, following the amendment of various conditions such as the amount to be paid and the lifting of the restriction on non-ERDF additional lines of funding, Puerto Lumbreras Town Council was awarded a further grant to set up the Innovation Centre.

In the Commission's view, is this practice consistent with EU law?

Is the Commission planning to conduct an investigation into the ERDF grant programme and the resources made available to it?