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Subject: Misappropriation of funding for refugees in the Mafia Capitale scandal in Italy

The so-called 'Mafia Capitale' scandal has lifted the lid on a comprehensive system of bid-rigging and misappropriation of funds intended for migrant reception centres in Italy, particularly the C.A.R.A. Mineo centre in Sicily. On 1 October 2013, this facility was granted EUR 5 341 724.80 in funding from the emergency reserve of the European Refugee Fund under the Annual Programme for 2013 (according to the most recent data available on the website of the Catania Prefecture).

1. What specific checks does the Commission intend to implement on the use of the European Refugee Fund by centres involved in the judicial inquiries in Italy, and on the use of immigration funds in general?
2. What steps will it take to ensure that access to these funds and to the procurement process is completely transparent, and that comprehensive data concerning the use of funding is provided, so as to prevent further incidents of fraud and bid-rigging?