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Subject: Volkswagen emissions scandal

German prosecutors have opened an investigation into Martin Winterkorn, the former CEO of Volkswagen. It would appear that Bosch, the company that supplied the computer software at the heart of the scandal, warned Volkswagen about possible irregularities. The Commission itself was also informed about the issue in two reports by the Joint Research Centre and the European Parliament.

Volkswagen executives have admitted fitting up to 11 million cars with 'defeat devices' to cheat diesel vehicle emissions tests. In Spain, almost 66% of cars are diesel vehicles, and the Volkswagen group is the largest carmaker in the country. SEAT, which is owned by Volkswagen, directly employs more than 14 000 people and indirectly employs hundreds of thousands more. This year, the group announced that it was going to invest EUR 4.2 billion in Navarre and Catalonia over the next five years.

- In light of the fraud committed by the company and the possible knowledge of Member States, what sanctions will be imposed by the Commission?
- How does it plan to safeguard the jobs and investment that the Volkswagen group has promised in Spain?