Question for written answer E-013628/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Nicola Danti (S&D), Silvia Costa (S&D) and Flavio Zanonato (S&D)

Subject: Hungary - improper use of European funds and the migrant crisis

A modernisation project, made possible through the support of European funds from the Interreg III programme, was carried out on the No 58 road connecting Beremend in Hungary to the Serbian and Croatian borders between the years 2004 and 2006. The Hungarian Government was also able to undertake the above project – aimed at promoting cross-border cooperation and helping to develop a severely disadvantaged area – thanks to co-financing from the EU.

The recent action taken by Hungary to stem the flow of migrants into the country is in stark contrast to the objectives on which the programme – co-financed by the EC – was developed, in addition to constituting a violation of European principles and legislation.

- 1. Does the Commission not believe that the recent use of European funds to build the infrastructure in question is incompatible with the initial objectives of the programmes used to co-finance same a comprehensive violation of the principles laid down in Article 2 TEU?
- 2. What action does it intend to take with regards to Hungary in order to ensure that future projects undertaken by the country's authorities using European financial contributions are coherent with the founding principles of the Union including in relation to the new programming period 2014-2020 with the ultimate aim of avoiding a reoccurrence of the situation detailed above?

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