

**Question for written answer E-001376/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Ferrovie Apulo-Lucane (FAL)

Ferrovie Apulo-Lucane (FAL) is a company wholly owned by the State which manages regional transport in Basilicata and Apulia. The company is currently the focus of a judicial inquiry opened by the Public Prosecutor of Bari for crimes against the public administration. It is alleged that certain procedures for assigning consultancy contracts and appointing directors may have been compromised by criminal behaviour, undermining the efficiency of a company responsible for transport in Southern Italy.

As indicated on the website of the Department for Economic Development and Cohesion of the Italian Ministry for Economic Development, from 2007 to 2013, FAL S.r.l. benefited from approximately EUR 101 million in European funds.

Does the Commission intend to check, also drawing the attention of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) to the matter, that the European funds were used correctly?

Can it check whether or not the Community principles of transparency, access to documents and impartiality were respected in assigning consultancy contracts and offices?