

**Question for written answer E-001920/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Contributions to the PowerCrop company of Russi (Ravenna)

Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 concerning the financing of the common agricultural policy provided for an incentive for certain sugar-producing companies, in the form of a restructuring contribution, to encourage companies with the lowest productivity to restructure. A prerequisite for this incentive was that production facilities had to be fully or partially dismantled in order to restore the environmental conditions of the factory sites. The PowerCrop company, which sought to convert four Italian sugar factories into biomass plants, applied for the EU contribution in the form described.

One of the converted sites is the former Eridania Sadam S.p.A. factory in the Russi area of Ravenna, for which the province responsible decreed on 25 March 2009 that the clean-up process was to be considered complete.

However, it has been repeatedly reported that there are still some underground structures, such as fuel tanks, and the demolition works pursuant to Work Commencement Declarations DIA 7/2010 and DIA 188/2010 were declared to have been completed on 18 January 2012, with the notice of completion of works (Ref. 5476/2012) of 31 May 2012.

Can the Commission say:

- Whether it considers it necessary to check that the processes for which the contribution was granted were carried out within the time period and to what extent;
- Whether these contributions have already been assigned to PowerCrop?