

**Question for written answer E-003684/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Irregularities in ERDF use in Madrid

The media has recently (late April 2016) reported that a Commission audit has showed up serious shortcomings in the system for administering and monitoring the way funds from the European Regional Development Fund for the period 2007-2013 were allocated in Madrid. Two projects are cited: one by Madrid City Council and one by the Government of the Autonomous Community of Madrid (Gobierno de la Comunidad de Madrid).

The Commission believes that public procurement irregularities and severe shortcomings affected the administration and monitoring system checks.

During an earlier audit (February 2015), the Commission stated that Madrid City Council had ignored its previous order and failed to resolve any of the shortcomings with procurement, which included improper use of the fast-track procedure, award criteria not being clearly specified, and failure to give notice of the results of the award of the contract.

Have similar cases been discovered in the rest of the country? With reference specifically to Madrid:

- In which projects have irregularities been detected?
- What is the estimated total of the irregular payments?
- What are the consequences of this for the Madrid region?