

**Question for written answer E-004584/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Legal instruments available to the Commission in connection with EU programmes

The financing of the Siberian Center of European Education was the focus of an Erasmus Mundus Action 3 project, submitted by a consortium consisting of, amongst others, the University of Montpellier 2 (coordinator/contractor) and its partner, the University of Genoa.

It has been reported that the coordinator/contractor has not fully complied with the payment of the grants it has received under the grant agreement (grant agreement 2011-2736/001). Can the Commission therefore say:

- what instruments are available to its agencies (in this case the EACEA) in respect of a contracting party that has failed to comply with the provisions of the contract, and
- what instruments can a partner use to protect its rights?