

**Question for written answer E-000965/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Acuamed case - withdrawal of European Funds for 17 projects

An *InfoLibre* article published on 9 February 2017 has made public documents from the Spanish Government which reveal that the government has officially communicated to the Commission that it has withdrawn EUR 25.6 million in EU funds from 17 hydraulic projects run by the public company Acuamed. The company answers to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment, the ministry previously run by the current commissioner Miguel Arias Canete.

1. Has the Government of Spain informed the Commission of the projects to which the Spanish authorities are now going to direct the withdrawn funds, if they can actually be directed to other projects?
2. Has the Commission started or will it start proceedings or a sanctioning process against the Spanish Government for what has become known as the 'Acuamed case', and will it calculate the total quantity of European funds affected by cases of corruption or by judicial investigations open in Spain?
3. Will the Commission call on OLAF to begin an independent investigation into the European funds involved in the Acuamed case, taking into account that this public company answers to a ministry that was run by the current commissioner Miguel Arias Canete?