

**Question for written answer E-001105/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Internment centres for foreigners in Spain

Regulation 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) states that 'Member States shall ensure that all actions supported under the Fund shall be implemented in full compliance with fundamental rights and respect for human dignity'. It also states the need to ensure a high-quality asylum policy with higher standards of international protection¹.

The Spanish state has spent more than EUR 4.5 million from this fund on 'internment centres for foreigners'². Amnesty International, SOS Racism, and others have shown that the treatment of those held in these centres runs directly counter to the aims of the regulation. This includes: degrading treatment and physical assaults by police officers at the centre³, discrimination on grounds of nationality, lack of care for members of vulnerable groups⁴, and disregard for the health of the inmates⁵.

Is the Commission aware that AMIF funds are being spent by the Spanish state on infrastructure in which the human dignity of those incarcerated is not being respected?

Given this misuse of European funds, will the Commission take any steps to address the situation?

Should any AMIF funds be used for detention centres if there is a need to create a high-quality asylum policy in Europe?

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014R0516&from=ES>

² http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/Fondos_comunitarios/fami/documentos/FAMI_ES_Actuaciones_2015.pdf

³ <http://www.sosracismomadrid.es/web/blog/2016/10/21/presentamos-denuncia-por-malos-tratos-en-el-cie-de-aluche>

⁴ <https://www.es.amnesty.org/en-que-estamos/noticias/noticia/articulo/ceuta-y-melilla-un-territorio-sin-derechos-para-personas-migrantes-y-refugiadas>

⁵ <http://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/20160321/40597787209/cies-no-denuncia-deportaciones-de-enfermos-desde-el-cie-de-valencia-pese-a-informes-medicos-que-lo-desaconsejan.html>