

**Question for written answer E-001180/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Inappropriate use of public funds by the Italian Government

A television documentary broadcast during the programme 'Le Iene' on 19 February 2016 reports that Italy's national office against racial discrimination, 'UNAR', has used public money to fund the activities of associations which, instead of carrying out social or cultural promotion activities, were apparently involved in male homosexual prostitution. The documentary provided evidence of all this through videos and stories filmed on the premises concerned.

The UNAR comes under the Office of the Italian Prime Minister and may in the last instance receive EU funds for its own purposes.

- Is the Commission aware of these facts?
- Will it launch any investigations or make representations to the Italian Government regarding the use of public funds?