

**Question for written answer E-005530/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: O Salnés District Hospital

On 16 July 2014, an invitation to tender was published for the works to extend the O Salnés District Hospital, co-financed to the tune of 80 % under the ERDF Galicia 2007-2013 operational programme, axis 6, priority theme 76. The net sum for the works amounted to EUR 8 059 508.55 plus VAT.

The Galician Government is currently in the process of preparing a draft bill amending Law 8/2008 of 10 July, on Healthcare in Galicia, paving the way for a process of reducing resources, healthcare activities and citizen participation in local hospitals, one of which is the O Salnés District Hospital.

Should this come to pass, the investment made for the extension of the hospital will end up being underused owing to cuts in healthcare staff and hospital resources.

1. Does the Commission have any mechanism to ensure that projects funded by the ERDF have to continue to operate with the same means and resources as when they were initially brought into service?
2. If so, how long do they have to be operational to justify the investment made?
3. Is there any fine or sanction in case of improper use of financial resources from the Funds?