

**Question for written answer E-007493/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: 2014-2020 Reggio Calabria NOP

The 2014-2020 'Metropolitan Cities' NOP, approved by the Commission by Decision C(2015) 4998 of 14 July 2015, gives effect to Italy's national urban agenda and provides a territorial interpretation of the 2014-2020 partnership agreement. The mayor of the administrative centre of a metropolitan city is deemed to constitute the urban authority and intermediate body and to a great extent is free to determine needs and hence select the operations to be carried out¹.

An investigation broadcast on 25 September 2017 on *Presa Diretta*, an Italian investigative documentary television programme, revealed that there is a criminal super-axis in which the 'Ndrangheta, corrupt Masonry, and politics have melded together and which takes all decisions concerning national economic and political strategies, including European funding allocated under the 2014-2020 Reggio Calabria NOP².

In 1989 the Italian Government earmarked EUR 300 million for Reggio Calabria under Decree-Law No 166, but only 30% of the works in question has been completed³.

- Can the Commission give a progress report on the works being financed in Reggio Calabria, in particular under the 2014-2020 Reggio Calabria Metropolitan Cities NOP?
- What confiscation measures have been carried out in Reggio Calabria under Articles 4 and 6 of Directive 2014/42/EU for the offences referred to in points (a) and (b) of Article 5?

¹ <http://www.ponmetro.it/home/ecosistema/viaggio-nei-cantieri-pon-metro/pon-metro-reggio-calabria>

² <https://www.facebook.com/PresaDiretta.Rai/videos/10159448888810523>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/PresaDiretta.Rai/videos/10159448891755523>