

**Question for written answer E-002703/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Reconstruction of Giove di Valtopina (Perugia) after the 1997 earthquake

On 3 May 1999, in the wake of the 1997 earthquake that struck Umbria, the district of Giove established a consortium to undertake its reconstruction.

'SEM Costruzioni Spa', the company initially given responsibility for the work, has received a State grant of EUR 2 156 613.58 for poorly-conducted and incomplete work. The municipality of Valtopina subsequently liquidated the company without first inspecting SEM's work status certificate (later certified as non-compliant).

This failure was followed by another, which was also 'monitored daily' and paid for by the municipality of Valtopina without any oversight, which also culminated in the misspending of public funds to the extent that the work completed was demolished and rebuilt.

In order to demolish this construction work and finish the rebuilding, 20 years after the earthquake and with SEM now bankrupt, the Region has had to pay another EUR 2 600 000 from its accounts.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1) Was it aware of this situation?
- 2) Does it intend to launch an in-depth investigation into the potentially fraudulent use of European funds earmarked for this rebuilding?
- 3) Does it intend to scrutinise planned and earmarked European funding, as well as planned projects, under the programme focusing on this area and the Umbria region from 1997 onwards?