Question for written answer E-004232/2018 to the Commission
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Subject: Proposals for four projects - informatisation of Slovakia

On 26 July 2018, the Ministry of the Interior and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Investment and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic and its Steering Committee approved four projects: a digital work environment for employees of the Ministry of Interior; central components of public administrative proceedings; process and data management for district offices, police and firefighters; and a national cyber security incident management system for the public administration.

The budget for the four projects, which will be co-financed from EU funds, exceeds EUR 100 million. Experts consider some elements of the projects to be opaque and their budgets to be overvalued. Significant shortcomings were identified in the projects as regards the justification of expenditure and the functionality and implementation of the projects. For instance, in some parts of the project there is no systematic plan as to how the proposed solutions will be implemented throughout the public administration, or how organisational aspects will be arranged between the units dealing with cyber security incidents. In addition, the calculation of the benefits of a project is often based only on unspecified 'expert estimates'.

- 1. Is the Commission aware of the above-mentioned projects?
- 2. If the projects in question are being funded from the Union's budget, will the Commission assess the projects in the light of the value for money principle?
- 3. Is it in line with current EU legislation and the new rules proposed by the Commission for the benefits of the projects to be so opaque and for there not to be a prior transparent analysis?

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