

**Question for written answer E-004419/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Use of ERDF ROP funds by Color Glass, Trestina (town of Castello)

According to the list of approved recipients of ERDF ROP funds in the Umbria Region in 2007-2013, as updated on 1 June 2018, under Axis III, 'Energy efficiency and development of renewable resources', EUR 200 000 in public funding was awarded to the company Color Glass in Trestina (town of Castello) in 2012, the stated purpose being 'replacement of production cycles with a 20% saving on consumption'; so far, EUR 187 860 of this has been disbursed.

As already mentioned in Written Question P-002711/2018 and the reply to it, Color Glass's production waste includes titanium dioxide fumes, while the Committee for Risk Assessment of the European Chemicals Agency recommends in its opinion CLH-O-0000001412-86-163/F of 14 September 2017 that titanium dioxide should be classified as a Category 2 carcinogen.

1. Will the Commission investigate how the money already paid has been actually been used?
2. Will the Commission investigate the possibility of suspending and/or reviewing the award of the funding (which, inter alia, is likely to contribute only to energy efficiency and not to reducing toxic emissions) to a company that is known to be producing slag hazardous to health near a population centre and which moreover is at risk of infringing Directive 98/24/EC?