

**Question for written answer P-004435/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: CISE procurement procedures

The purpose of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) is to make Member States' maritime surveillance systems more interoperable so as to improve the exchange of information and enhance the EU's safety and security.

The Commission has set up a project, EUCISE2020, funded under the seventh research and technological development framework programme (which provides EUR 13 million out of EUR 17 million in all), with a view to producing an operational solution that might eventually be extended to cover all Member States. In March 2016 the consortium manager issued an invitation to tender worth EUR 4.5 million, which remained open until the end of April; the aim, again, was to work out a common technological solution.

This invitation to tender, apparently, fails almost completely to meet the formal requirements, and most firms were therefore unable to respond (the contract notice was editable only in Italian, the technical note was not finalised, some documents were left in draft form, and so on). It is unacceptable that European taxpayers' money should be managed so carelessly.

1. Will the Commission explain how this invitation to tender, which was issued under programmes financed by the EU budget, came to be presented in such a dubious form?
2. Out of the EUR 17 million allocated to the project, what amounts have been spent? What were they used for and what has been the outcome?