

**Question for written answer P-007058/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Infringement of European law by Umbria's Regional Development Programme

On 4 October 2017, by means of Decision No 10098, the Umbrian Regional Government partially annulled the previous Decision No 4357 of 30 May 2016 which, in turn, had derogated from previous decisions relating to calls for tender for the allocation of funds from the Rural Development Plan.

According to the preamble to the decision, the grounds for annulment lay in a clear violation of Article 65(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.

Moreover, as from May 2015, there have been numerous decisions that modified many calls for tender, including in terms of substance, causing problems for companies which, on each of numerous occasions, had to comply and submit new applications, as well as running the constant risk of losing the investments they had already made in order to secure acceptance of their applications.

Bearing in mind that Article 75(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 specifies that 'Commission officials or authorised Commission representatives may carry out on-the-spot audits or checks [...] and the scope of such audits or checks may include, in particular, verification of the effective functioning of management and control systems in a programme or a part thereof [...]', does the Commission intend to use the powers of scrutiny provided for by Article 75 of that Regulation?