

**Question for written answer P-002798/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Penalties imposed on the Hungarian Government in connection with cohesion policy

According to reports in the press, in August the Commission and the Hungarian Government brought to an end their disputes concerning the settlement of accounts in relation to systematic and project-related irregularities in Hungary's cohesion policy programmes for 2014-2020. The Hungarian authorities have not revealed the nature of the irregularities or the amount of the penalties imposed; they wish to conceal the fraud that has been committed from tax-payers. This is simply intolerable, and it also seriously undermines confidence in the EU institutions.

1. On account of what kind of irregularities in Hungary's operational programmes – project selection, public procurement, accounting, audits, etc. – has the Commission imposed penalties amounting to how many euros per type and per programme – and entailing what size of net correction within them – this year?
2. As a result of the Commission's monitoring, what kind of systematic irregularities have come to light in administration by the Hungarian authorities responsible for management or auditing?
3. In which regions has the Commission identified irregularities, and of what kind, with regard to the procedure for selecting projects under the Territorial and Settlement Development Operational Programme?