

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0803/04  
by Markus Ferber (PPE-DE)  
to the Commission

Subject: Application for a grant by Mr Dorian Cataffo

My office has received a question from the lawyers' firm of Kiederle, Dr. Schulz & Kollegen of Augsburg, acting on behalf of its client Mr Bernhard Oswald, Pfarrer-Steinacker-Str. 15a, D-86551 Aichach, Germany.

In 2002, Mr Oswald instructed Mr Dorian Cataffo, Via R. Ricci 46, I-84129 Salerno, Italy, to apply to the Commission for a grant. Using the money, Mr Oswald intended to buy a plot of land at Herzog-Max-Str. 7, D-86551 Aichach/Unterwittelsbach, Germany, in order to build a guesthouse there. Mr Cataffo had promised him that he would be able to obtain EU funding for the project under the Community Support Framework 2000-2006.

Although Mr Cataffo has been paid for his work, it does not appear that any application has been made. Mr Oswald therefore wishes to bring an action against Mr Cataffo. I would ask the Commission to answer the following questions in order to clarify the situation:

1. Did Mr Cataffo submit an application for a grant as described above, on behalf of Mr Oswald?
2. If so, was the application approved, and has the money been paid?
3. Is it in principle possible for aid to be granted for such building projects?
4. Is the Commission aware of the activities of Mr Cataffo, who, according to Kiederle, Dr. Schulz & Kollegen, has acted in similar ways on a number of occasions?