

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1351/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Breach of the stability pact

In its recent '1000 deferments' decree the Italian Government has incorporated a regularisation which will be extremely onerous for the municipalities which over the last two years have breached the stability pact.

The regularisation is aimed in particular at the municipalities' recruitment of staff outside the pact, which will have financial implications in the coming years as well.

In addition to treating municipalities which have remained within the stability-pact limit differently from those which have breached it (and effectively rewarding those which have broken the law), the Italian Government's action has thoroughly upset the State budget, which was intended to contain expenditure and to reduce the public debt.

Does the Commission not think that, in the light of this infringement, it should take action vis-à-vis the Italian Government in order to ensure that it honours joint commitments?