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to the Commission

Subject: Technological support for infrastructure control in external cooperation programmes

With regard to contract specifications and contract awarding processes, in a number of EU Member States, including Italy and the UK, provision has been made for specific criteria and computerised management/filing systems for the management of document flows and processes relating to planning cycles; these allow the information to be more accessible, by making it available to all operators.

Those same countries also have computer tools which are able to collect, organise and manage all the documentation, and information management systems to ensure maximum compliance with the rules, efficiency of processes and reduction in working time, thanks to better identification of criticality factors.

Computerised management systems are able to process full, reliable and updated statistics on how projects are progressing.

The experience of the countries mentioned above has been positive and there is a definite need for consistency, transparency and efficiency in European external cooperation projects, not to mention a need to coordinate the implementation of programmes, investments and the building and strengthening of infrastructure.

In the light of the above, could the Commission therefore specify whether it intends to build on what is already happening in the EU by adopting necessary measures to regulate the monitoring and control of work and the coordination of the various stages of the planning cycles?