

**Question for written answer E-8067/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Use of European Social Fund appropriations in Brandenburg

Appropriations from the European Social Fund were not correctly accounted for in Brandenburg.

What shortcomings has the Commission identified in relation to the Land of Brandenburg's accounting of ESF appropriations for 2009? Are these shortcomings similar to the errors relating to 2007 and 2008 which the Commission is currently investigating?

What total amount (in euro) is currently being withheld owing to incorrect accounting by Brandenburg? What was the total amount for each of the years 2007, 2008 and 2009?

What efforts on its part has the Bundesland of Brandenburg described to the Commission in relation to the incorrect accounts and in order to demonstrate the correct use of appropriations? Can the Commission specify exactly what measures have been taken?

How long will the current investigation take? What deadline has been set for Brandenburg to remedy the shortcomings?

What amount of ESF appropriations will the Commission definitively cancel from Brandenburg's funding?