

Question for written answer E-008114/2011
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Continuing failure of the chairman of the Regional Council of the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region to act in the matter of the Slaný Hospital modernisation project

On 15 June 2011, I submitted a parliamentary question to the European Commission regarding the failure of the chairman of the Regional Council of the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region to sign the properly negotiated and duly approved project for the modernisation of Nemocnice Slaný (Slaný Hospital). On 11 August 2011, the Commission replied that it was 'not acceptable' for the formal approval of this project to be delayed. I wish to inform the European Commission that the chairman of the Regional Council of the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region has still not signed this project to date, 5 September 2011. This means that thanks to him, the signature of this properly negotiated and duly approved project has now been delayed for no less than 16 months. I have also found out that this is not the only instance of deliberate delay in signing projects under the Regional Operational Programme for the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region.

I am therefore submitting a further question to the European Commission and request it to respond on the following points.

1. How long will the European Commission continue to tolerate the patently unlawful conduct of the chairman of the Regional Council of the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region, David Rath, who is refusing to sign projects that have been duly approved and repeatedly checked?
2. What specific steps will the European Commission take to ensure that the Slaný Hospital modernisation project is completed and paid for?
3. Does the European Commission have information on other projects that have successfully passed through the proper selection process and been approved, but are being deliberately delayed at the level of the Central Bohemia Cohesion Region by the refusal of the Regional Council chairman, David Rath, to add his signature to the contract? How does the Commission intend to act against this unlawful conduct by the chairman?