

**Question for written answer E-003797/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Use of EU resources in Romania

In its latest interim report 'On Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism', dated 8 February 2012, the Commission stated that, alongside welcome progress, there were still shortcomings in combating corruption and strengthening the judicial system. It indicated that Romania needs to make particular efforts with regard to public procurement.

Can the Commission say:

- whether it is aware of any improper use or intentional misappropriation of EU funds in Romania? If so, what sums are involved?
- what its assessment is of how EU resources are administered by the national authorities in Romania?
- what scope it has for penalties, in general, where improper use or intentional misappropriation of EU funds is established? Have such penalties been imposed against Romania to date?