

**Question for written answer E-009017/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Alleged illegal state aid granted by Italy to religious entities and not-for-profit organisations

By letter dated 12 October 2010, the European Commission informed Italy that it had decided to initiate proceedings pursuant to Article 108(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in relation to alleged illegal state aid granted by Italy to religious entities and not-for-profit organisations. By the same letter, the Commission also informed Italy that it had started proceedings for existing aid related to the 50 % tax exemption granted to a number of beneficiaries of the above-mentioned categories.

1. Can the Commission inform on the status of the above-mentioned proceedings now that two years have lapsed since the Article 108(2) TFEU letter was issued, also taking into account that Article 7(6) of Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 provides that the Commission 'shall as far as possible endeavour to adopt a decision within a period of 18 months from the opening of the procedure'?
2. Furthermore, taking into consideration the recent introduction of the IMU property tax which replaced the old ICI municipal tax and the related ICI exemption which gave rise to the aforementioned proceedings, can the Commission clarify whether, should it deem the new rules compliant with state aid legislation, it will order the recovery of the illegal aid granted through the ICI exemption?
3. Finally, can the Commission provide an update on the status of the existing aid proceedings initiated by the 12 October 2010 letter?