Question for written answer E-003055/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Nikolaos Salavrakos (EFD)

Subject: Irregularities regarding the use of EU funding in former East Germany

In reply to my question for written answer E-000337/2014, Commissioner Hahn indicated that irregularities had occurred regarding the use of EU funding in East Germany, while adding: 'however the comparison with cases of implementation irregularities in other regions of Member States has not revealed any anomalies in the Eastern regions'.

In view of this:

- 1. Can the Commission say whether a comparison is being made between the extent of the irregularities within Germany (that is to say between former West and East Germany) and between former East Germany and other EU Member States, the least significant cases being 'overlooked' with the result that no 'anomalies' emerge?
- 2. What amounts have been repaid by Germany in connection with these irregularities from 1990 to the present?

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