Question for written answer E-014129/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Reinhard Bütikofer (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Funding of a hotel complex in Rostock Hohe Düne by the Mecklenburg-West Pomerania

Land Government

In 2003, approval was given to the funding of a hotel complex in Rostock Hohe Düne by the Mecklenburg-West Pomerania *Land* Government. The funding was awarded to two different firms for the construction of two different hotels. According to a statement from the *Land* Government, the Commission has not yet determined whether the money the former spent the project, which came to some EUR 31.8 million, can be reimbursed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). According to media reports, the Commission and the *Land* Government disagree on the issue of whether dividing the funding between two projects was permissible. The Commission takes the view that the Hohe Düne complex is one project, not two, costing more than EUR 50 million. The Commission should have been notified accordingly, but was not.

1. Why has the *Land* Government not yet been reimbursed?

- 2. What view does the Commission take of the funding arrangements for the Hohe Düne hotel complex and the division into two separate projects?
- 3. Is partial reimbursement from the ERDF possible, and, if so, subject to what conditions?

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