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to the Commission
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Subject: Monitoring of EU funding for renewable energy in Hungary

Corruption and misappropriation of EU funds by Member States are a cause of serious economic damage for all European citizens and undermine joint solidarity in the EU. Recent investigations by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) have shown that Hungary has repeatedly misused EU funds in ways that benefit individuals instead of all Hungarian citizens.

Following investigative journalism carried out by the German news website *Spiegel Online*, new corruption allegations have been raised with regard to the company EcoSolifer, for which Hungary had received approximately EUR 6 million in EU funds to build a solar panel factory in the town of Csorna.

Even though the factory was supposed to be operative as from the end of 2015, journalists have reported that the facility is still empty and there are no signs of work taking place.

1. Is the solar panel factory operating, and if not, what reasons are given by the Hungarian authorities?
2. To what extent can the Commission confirm that the EU funds allocated to the Hungarian authorities have been used in the way and for the purposes foreseen?
3. Are there any official reports from the Hungarian authorities indicating how the EU funding was used?