

**Question for written answer E-004539/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Misuse of resources allocated to the Marche Region as a solidarity contribution following the earthquake (ROP EDRF)

In accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 1311/2013, in 2016 the Commission re-examined the distribution of the MFF 2014-2020, allocating EUR 1.6 billion of extra resources to Italy through the ERDF, of which EUR 282 million were allocated to the Marche Region to provide support following the earthquake (EUR 124 million through the ERDF and an additional EUR 124 million of state co-funding).

Ruling No 1513 of 18 December 2017 by the Regional Council established the 'Marche Region Development Pact' approving the recovery strategy and directly appointing the Adriano Olivetti Institute (ISTAO) as technical secretariat solely on the basis of the 'long and established experience of the Institute in analysing and interpreting development prospects'.

The ISTAO recently presented a project proposal of 94 joint initiatives (59% of which are private) which frequently concern regional areas which were not affected by the earthquake or which do not involve post-earthquake reconstruction.

Does the Commission believe that it should verify any misuse by the Region of funds intended for the reconstruction of areas struck by the earthquake, given that the updated text of the ROP ERDF specifies that the actions under the new priority axis must strictly comply with the requirements of the population affected by the earthquake in the damaged areas?