Question for written answer E-000437/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Santiago Fisas Ayxelà (PPE)

Subject: Proper use of EU funds

In 2014, Cerdanyola del Vallès Council (Barcelona, Spain) approved the construction of four tennis courts and two paddle tennis courts in La Farigola with a view to reviving and improving that district. The works came to EUR 926 834.76, half of which was paid for with grants from the EU's European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Cerdanyola Tennis Club won the tender for the works. However, it could not use the courts because the Council had not obtained permission from FECSA – ENDESA (the regional energy company) for electricity to be supplied. In 2016, as it was impossible to use the courts, both parties – Cerdanyola Council and Cerdanyola Tennis Club – withdrew from the contract.

The courts remain completely abandoned and have been vandalised on several occasions: the changing rooms have been destroyed and the air conditioning machines have been stolen.

Does the Commission have any tools which make it possible to recover funds that have not been used properly?

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