

**Question for written answer E-000733/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Problems linked to the 'Gulf of Salerno coastal protection and regeneration' major project

On 28 March 2011, the Campania Regional Executive approved through Decision No 122 the Gulf of Salerno coastal protection and regeneration major project, to be funded under Priority I to the tune of EUR 70 million in total.

On 23 May 2017, the Regional Executive issued Decision No 289 which while granting funding of EUR 28 749 779.48 under the 2014-2020 ERDF Regional Operational Programme (ROP) for the first stage of the work – ‘construction of a cellular coastal protection system between the mouth of the River Picentino and the Gulf of Salerno coastline’ – decreed that funding under the same ROP for ‘completion of Gulf of Salerno coastal protection and regeneration work’ would be subject to the results of checks on feasibility and monitoring carried out by the Environmental Assessments Management Unit.

However, as expenditure was not certified, steps were then taken under Executive Decree No 24 of 5 July 2017 to recover EUR 2.4 million from the beneficiary, the Province of Salerno.

In light of the above and the fact that work on this project has still not even started, could the Commission say:

- 1) If only the first stage of the work is completed, how effective might this be?
- 2) What guarantees are there that the environmental impact assessment is valid and complies with requirements?
- 3) How will the Commission ensure resources are used properly, to avoid once again having to take steps to recover monies not spent?