

**Question for written answer E-002957/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Old tobacco factory in Palazzo San Gervasio

Basilicata regional government has channelled funding under the 'Legality' National Operational Programme (NOP), co-financed by the ESF for 2014/2020, to the Lucania Word voluntary organisation to manage the reception centre at the old tobacco factory in Palazzo San Gervasio housing seasonal migrant workers hired to harvest tomatoes.

The building was to offer accommodation, sanitary facilities, hot food facilities, a medical centre run by ASP Venosa, a job registration point run by Lavello Employment Centre and shuttle transport to and from the workplace.

Palazzo San Gervasio Municipal Council registered the project in July 2017, but failed to produce plans for the restructuring of the old tobacco factory, despite being requested to do so by those responsible for the NOP for Italy.

The Ministry of the Interior has allocated EUR 6 million for new centres in Palazzo and Scanzano, along with another 4 million for the projects SUPREME Piu and SUPREME Emergenziale<sup>1</sup>.

Can the Commission ascertain:

- 1) whether the ESF for 2014/2020 has not been misused, given that work is yet to start on renovating the tobacco plant but the harvest period is already over;
- 2) the stage reached in the projects SUPREME Piu and SUPREME Emergenziale?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sassilive.it/economia/lavoro/simonetti-altri-34-milioni-dalla-ue-per-sostenere-il-progetto-basilicata-la-misura-per-il-recupero-delle-case-sfite-o-abbandonate/>