

**Question for written answer E-001406/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Action to ensure full implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/1937 in Italy

Several public officials - including the Deputy Commander General of the Guardia di Finanza - have been convicted of corruption in connection with the procurement procedures for the Modulo Sperimentale Elettromeccanico di Venezia (Venice Electromechanical Experimental Module), better known as MoSE, which was constructed with European Investment Bank funding.

When conducting its enquiries, the Guardia di Finanza also ran an internal investigation and found that bribes were being paid to the very bodies responsible for oversight of the MoSE Venice project.

The officers conducting the enquiries were assigned to other posts and functions, and were penalised so heavily that they had to take legal action against the retaliatory treatment to which they were subjected, which took the form of being passed over for posts and promotion and malassignment to other positions.

In some cases, the appeals they lodged relate to serious and documented violations of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

The Italian Government has not yet transposed Directive (EU) 2019/1937.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

Whether it is aware of the above facts, which have arisen pending the transposition of Directive (EU) 2019/1937, and what steps it will take to protect officers who have reported and acted against violations of EU law?