

**Question for written answer E-001245/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

**Aldo Patriciello (PPE)**

Subject: Use of EU resources and the National Flood Relief project

The financial resources that the EU makes available to Member States are essential for economic and social growth. Transparency with regard to costs incurred and quality of services provided are fundamental requirements for the use of EU funds but those requirements are not always complied with properly.

In that connection, in a joint venture between the Italian company MDM Costruzioni Generali Srl and the Maltese company Bonnici Group for work involved in the 'National Flood Relief Project' (financed at a rate of 85% with EU resources), works in which MDM Costruzioni generali was the leader and had the technical skills, equipment and specialised Italian workers for the EU tenders, the Maltese company kept – improperly – financial resources and machinery belonging to MDM Costruzioni Generali worth EUR 22 086 477,00 in breach of the provisions of the tender.

Despite being repeatedly urged to do so, the Maltese Government has done nothing to rectify this state of affairs.

In the light of the above and not least because the Maltese Government is consistently blocking payments or failing to carry out MDM Costruzioni Generali's instructions, does the Commission believe that this matter needs to be investigated further? Can this way of working be regarded as misuse of EU resources?

Submitted: 18.4.2023