Question for written answer E-002712/2023 to the Commission

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Subject: The failure of waste management centres funded by the Commission in Lebanon, raising questions of responsibility

The EU has spent over EUR 100 million of its citizens' money on waste management in Lebanon, a corruption-riddled country that is not in the EU. The results have been disastrous, and the money given to Lebanon for waste management has proven to be a waste of European taxpayers' money. The Commission and Lebanon's Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform are refusing to accept responsibility.

This issue has also been investigated by the media: How the EU's money for waste went to waste in Lebanon¹.

My questions are:

1. Which European authority verified these projects?

- 2. Who is responsible and who participated in the assessment, implementation and monitoring of the investment project?
- 3. Were consequences brought to bear on the person responsible for the malinvestment of more than one hundred million euros?

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