Question for written answer E-000773/2024 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Interpretation of the concept of 'final recipient' under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Subject:

The European Parliament adopted resolution P9_TA (2024) 0 0411 in January 2024. In it, Parliament states that it regrets the Commission's interpretation of the concept of 'final recipient' under the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Paragraph 67 of this resolution states that Parliament regrets that the Commission does not request that Member States provide information on the final beneficiary or recipient of RRF funding, choosing instead to require Member States to provide information only about 'second-level recipients'. Parliament is also of the opinion that this interpretation is not in line with the agreement between the co-legislators;

- Does the Commission acknowledge that the current definition of 'final recipient', and thus the lack of transparency on the final beneficiary or recipient of RRF funding, contributes to fraud and corruption?
- To what extent has the Commission taken measures to prevent and detect fraud and corruption?
- Is the Commission willing to broaden the definition of 'final recipient' to include all recipients of RRF funding, including subcontractors?

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https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2024-0041_EN.html.