

**Question for written answer E-000873/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Reviewing EU funding granted during the pandemic, the need for an audit and the potential misuse of funds, taking the Koldo case as an example

Given the revelations that have come to light in connection with the Koldo case¹ and the suspected misuse of EU funds in Spain during the COVID-19 pandemic, the question arises as to how effective the Commission's monitoring and audit systems really are. The pandemic created an exceptional situation in which EU funding was made available quickly and on a large scale, potentially opening the door to new risks of abuse and corruption. It is necessary to take a critical approach when managing and monitoring these funds, in order to ensure that they are used as intended for the benefit of citizens in the EU Member States.

1. How does the Commission assess the effectiveness of its monitoring and audit systems with regard to the use of EU funds during the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular in the context of the Koldo case?
2. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure that EU funding provided in the context of the pandemic has been, and is being, used in a targeted and proper manner? How does it intend to prevent similar cases in the future?

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¹ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/brussels-looks-into-potential-misuse-of-eu-funds-in-spanish-koldo-corruption-case/>