

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2739/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Community financing for Granadilla port, Tenerife

According to information published today in the Tenerife press ('La Opinión'), construction of Granadilla's industrial port has already received EUR 68 million from the Cohesion Fund, the EU funds for the port having been transferred by the Spanish Government organisation Puertos de Estado. The Environment Minister for the Canary Islands Regional Government insists that he cannot understand why Pierre-Emmanuel Leclercq has said that 'no decision has been taken as yet'.

Can the Commission make it clear what the situation is as regards financing for these works? Is it possible that these works could have received EUR 68 million without these funds being properly approved for these works by Commission services? Is it true that there is a signboard on the site that says 'Jointly financed by the European Union'?