

**Question for written answer P-002226/2012  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Hungary: Cohesion Fund

Does the suspension of EUR 495 184 000 in Cohesion Fund commitments for Hungary proposed by the Commission on 22 February 2012 relate to past infringements of Hungary's Treaty obligations under the TFEU, or is it a sanction for a suspected future infringement?

Is the Commission able to demonstrate that it has imposed similar sanctions on other Member States having failed to comply with the reference values of the Treaty (notably the 3 % limit on budget deficits)? Why, for example, were similar sanctions not imposed on Germany and France when, in 2005, these were the first two countries to announce in public that they were not complying with the Stability and Growth Pact?

Why were similar sanctions not imposed on Greece, which over a number of years has misled the Commission with regard to its budget deficit?