

**Question for written answer P-007162/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Consistency of the integrated territorial project for La Spezia - 'City Centre' - with the Regional Operational Programme objectives for 2007-2013, priority axis 3

The integrated territorial project 'City Centre', concerning a package of measures to be implemented in the city centre of La Spezia (Liguria), is being co-financed with European funds under the Regional Operational Programme drawn up by the Liguria Region – ROP - European Regional Development Fund 2007-2013 - Priority Axis 3 'Sustainable Urban Development'.

On 17 June 2013 the Regional Department of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities sent a note (Ref. DR0004448) to the City of La Spezia for the purpose of suspending the start of work until an inspection could be carried out by the relevant departments of the Ministry. Minister Bray himself has also recently issued some statements regarding this matter.

There have been widespread protests on the part of citizens in La Spezia – especially regarding the work planned for Piazza Verdi – which have been widely reported by the press. A complaint has also been submitted to the authorities responsible (and to the Commission), alleging that there are discrepancies between the planned work and the purpose of the call for proposals.

In the light of the above and whilst, naturally, respecting the decisions of the municipal administration of La Spezia and/or the regional services in Liguria which are responsible for such matters, does the Commission not think it might be advisable to check whether the integrated territorial project 'City Centre' is actually consistent with the aims and objectives set out in the relevant call for proposals?