

**Question for written answer P-006331/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Integrated local development project 'Lorica Hamata in Sila Amena' and 'Lande Desolate' investigation

The 'Lande Desolate' investigation conducted by Catanzaro District Anti-Mafia Prosecutor's Office has prompted the regional investigating magistrate in Catanzaro to take precautionary measures and suspend various regional administrators and officials from the performance of public duties.

The investigation is said to be linked to the integrated local development project 'Lorica Hamata in Sila Amena', which was previously the subject of Written Question E-000936/2018.

According to the District Anti-Mafia Prosecutor's Office, the investigations have revealed that 'some public officials are completely subservient to the demands of a private entrepreneur, causing them to deliberately and repeatedly falsify statements on the progress of the project, or to officially certify that work has been carried out which has not, in order for the contractor to receive further Community funding which is not due to it'¹.

In the light of the Commission's reply to the previous question, and given that the contractor is the same one who was previously contracted to carry out two integrated urban development projects on Piazza Bilotti in Cosenza (P-007940/2017), can the Commission say:

1. whether it is aware of the results of the investigations and whether it expects to take any action in relation to this project?
2. whether such investigations might jeopardise payment for, or payment of the balance for, the integrated urban development projects in the Piazza Bilotti area of Cosenza?
3. whether it considers that the Managing Authority, which is currently suspended from the performance of public duties, can continue its activities and bring about the attainment, in the immediate future, of the end-of-year targets for the Regional Operational Programme for Calabria 2014-2020?

¹ <https://www.quotidianodelsud.it/calabria/cronache/inchieste/2018/12/17/operazione-finanza-contro-corrruzione-cosenza-obbligo-dimora>