

**Priority question for written answer P-003816/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: DG REGIO investigation into the organisation and operation of the Danube Delta ITI programme

Following media allegations of fraud, the Commission has launched a series of inquiries, in-situ inspections audits and evaluations regarding the management and use of non-refundable EU grants for the Danube Delta ITI programme.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what stage has been reached by the DG REGIO investigation into the organisation and operation of the Danube Delta ITI programme?
2. What is the deadline for completion this inquiry?
3. Does it include details regarding the award of contracts for Danube Delta Airport projects receiving non-fundable EU grants and the way in which the projects have been assessed, implemented and monitored? While over EUR 65 million has been channelled into the airport over the last 10 years, airlines are making very little use of it (74 passengers in 2021).

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