

**Question for written answer E-015374/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European funding for tourism channelled into a Ryanair company

As already indicated in a previous question (E-003621/2015), there is a distinct possibility that regions are using EU funding for purposes far different to those intended by the Commission. In this connection, the former 'Aeroporti di Puglia' chief executive is currently under investigation for fraud and falsification in connection with a judicial inquiry into a contract worth EUR 30 million signed in 2009 with AMS, a Ryanair advertising company. According to the case file presented by Bari Public Prosecutor's Office, EU funding intended for tourism has been siphoned off by 'Aeroporti di Puglia' to the company in question.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission show how EU funding earmarked for tourism in the Puglia region has been used and take action to prevent possible fraud and embezzlement?
2. Does it consider that funding under State Aid C 55/2007 originally granted to Taranto and Foggia airports must actually be used for the development thereof? In other words, does it consider that discriminatory use of funding for some airports and not others is contrary to the purpose of the aid in question?