

**Question for written answer E-002269/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Cybersecurity in Italy and the effectiveness of NRRP investments in cybersecurity

Recent IT security incidents in Italy have highlighted serious vulnerabilities in the country's critical infrastructure. In one of those incidents, a former employee of Intesa Sanpaolo was accused of having accessed, more than 7 000 times and without authorisation, the current accounts of public figures¹, and the hacker Carmelo Miano was arrested for having compromised the IT systems of the Guardia di Finanza and the Ministry of Justice, including by accessing the judges' email accounts².

These incidents raise serious questions about the Italian system's ability to protect sensitive data and apply cybersecurity policies in an effective manner. It is worrying that, although funds were allocated as part of the NRRP³ to improving security infrastructure, most of the steps taken seem to be limited to the drafting of analytical reports and not to making real improvements to operational capacities⁴.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the details of these major IT security incidents in Italy and what specific measures can it propose to prevent future cracks in the IT security of Italian institutions?
2. Will it take action to ensure that the NRRP's cybersecurity objectives are actually achieved?
3. What is its assessment of the measures Italy has taken so far to bolster the security of its critical infrastructure and what additional recommendations can the Commission provide to ensure that EU funding is used to make tangible improvements, rather than exclusively for analysis and planning purposes?

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¹ <https://www.rainews.it/articoli/2024/10/conti-spiati-i-pm-al-lavoro-si-cercano-accessi-su-pc-tablet-e-cellulari-36fd4f40-5aa2-4c62-84bd-418b78fe8809.html>

² <https://www.rainews.it/video/2024/10/carmelo-miano-lhacker-arrestato-aveva-le-password-di-46-pm-326a4c59-c772-40ba-a959-c7af24ed2705.html>

³ Target M1C1-9 – 'Support for the upgrading of T1 security structures'.

⁴ ECA Annual reports for the financial year 2023, Box 11.1 p. 405,
https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/AR-2023/AR-2023_EN.pdf