

Question for written answer E-001041/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Failure to ensure compliance with public procurement and State aid rules under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

The European Court of Auditors' special report 09/2025 exposes a deeply troubling reality: the Commission has failed to ensure that Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds are properly monitored for compliance with public procurement and State aid rules. The report highlights ongoing weaknesses in the Commission's audit and control processes, weak oversight and guidance for the Member States and serious inconsistencies in enforcement. Despite repeated warnings, the Commission has neither imposed effective corrective measures nor ensured that the Member States carry out adequate checks before receiving RRF payments. This lack of accountability is entirely unacceptable and undermines trust in the responsible management of EU funds.

Given the gravity of these findings:

1. How does the Commission justify allowing RRF payments to be made despite clear evidence that Member States are not conducting adequate compliance checks?
2. Will the Commission finally introduce binding and enforceable corrective measures to prevent further misuse of EU funds under the RRF?
3. What concrete steps will the Commission take to overhaul its audit system and ensure that its assurance declarations reflect actual risks, rather than presenting an illusion of control?

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