

**Question for written answer E-002437/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Delays and problems at EU-co-funded building sites employing jobseekers in Sicily

In recent months, several complaints have been lodged by workers, trade unions and local administrators about delays and irregularities in EU-funded building sites providing work for unemployed people in Sicily¹.

According to media reports² and a question to the Italian Parliament³, at least four active building sites in the city of Catania are more than 90 days late in the payment of work grants to 60 workers, despite the fact that work began in February 2025, thereby pushing already disadvantaged people into greater poverty.

Workplace safety problems have also been observed: trade unions maintain that work is ongoing on certain sites without adequate specialist training for workers.

This would appear to entail misuse of EU funding, thus penalising the final beneficiaries thereof.

Can the Commission therefore say what measures it can take to ensure that European funds for employability and workplace inclusion are indeed being paid to the final beneficiaries within the planned timeframe?

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¹ Resources from the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Action Plan.

² <https://www.cataniatoday.it/politica/cantieri-lavoro-ritardi-pagamenti-sicilia.html>.

³ On. Cantone, 5 June 2025.