

Question for written answer E-002903/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Pending EU infringement proceedings that the Sicily Region is involved in and the EU sanctions it is shouldering

Article 258 TFEU provides for infringement proceedings against a Member State that does not comply with EU legislation.

The cost of the financial penalties imposed by the Court of Justice of the European Union is indirectly borne by citizens and territories, effectively restricting their rights.

Italy is among the Member States with the highest number of open infringement proceedings, a number of which specifically involve the Sicily Region and come with hefty financial sanctions.

However, neither the Sicily Region's official website¹ nor that of the competent Italian ministry provide a comprehensive and transparent list of the pending EU infringements and sanctions involving Sicily.

The principle of transparency and the citizens' right to information are laid down in the Treaty on European Union (TEU)², which provides for the active involvement of civil society in monitoring the implementation of EU law.

Information on infringements and sanctions is crucial in enabling citizens to pressure regional and national institutions to take the measures needed to comply with EU law in a timely manner.

In the light of the above:

1. Could the Commission reveal all the pending infringement proceedings which the Sicily Region is party to, all the sanctions that have already been applied to Italy as well as their total value, which represents a burden for the region?
2. How does the Commission assess the current level of transparency and information provided to citizens about EU infringements and their related sanctions? Does it think that it could take action in order to ensure that this information is shared in a transparent manner?

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https://pti.regione.sicilia.it/portal/page/portal/PIR_PORTALE/PIR_LaStrutturaRegionale/PIR_AssEnergia/PIR_Dipartimentodellacquaedeirifiuti/PIR_Areematiche/PIR_Altricontenuti/PIR_Procedurediinfrazion

² Articles 10 and 11 TEU.