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Subject: Publication of the final audit report on the ITI DD and transparency in respect of fraud investigations

Between 2021 and 2024, DG REGIO, OLAF and the European Public Prosecutor's Office carried out checks and investigations on the use of funds allocated to the Integrated Territorial Investment – Danube Delta facility (ITI DD). In 2022, the Commission confirmed irregularities had been detected, withheld certain payments and launched a procedure with the Romanian authorities, announcing that the final audit report would be published in February 2023. However, the report is still unavailable in 2025, and no reasons have been given for this delay.

This lack of transparency gives cause for concern, since the ITI DD has been granted around EUR 1 billion, which is the largest ITI budget in the whole EU. In January 2025, OLAF announced it had completed an enquiry into more than 30 projects, including a case of fraud involving forged documents and resulting in the misappropriation of EUR 593 000 in EU funding, for which EPPO brought the persons involved to trial. Transparency in respect of final findings is essential to protect the EU budget and safeguard public trust.

1. Has the Commission completed the audit on the ITI DD, what were the conclusions, and what are the reasons for the delay in publication of the report, originally announced for February 2023?
2. Which projects were affected by irregularities or financial corrections?
3. Will the Commission openly publish the main findings of the audit and investigations by OLAF and EPPO in the interests of clarifying the use of EU funding?

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