

**Question for written answer E-004669/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of the EAFRD logo in a local initiative in Castrocaro Terme

The Democratic Party of Castrocaro Terme, Emilia-Romagna recently circulated material about an initiative being organised at its premises.

This was clearly a party-political, non-institutional event, and yet it used the logo of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which refers directly to a programme that is financed by the European Union and subject to strict rules on communication, transparency and the proper use of official labels.

The use of EU symbols for a political activity could raise questions concerning possible misuse of public resources and create confusion between the public institution/entity and the political party. It could also be a potential breach of the rules on information and publicity for cofinanced programmes, which must be neutral and non-discriminatory and cannot be associated with specific political groups.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the incident and has it already started looking into the possible misuse of the EAFRD logo or related funds?
2. Will it ascertain whether the initiative might have benefited – directly or indirectly – from resources from EU programmes, which would breach the rules on institutional communications?
3. What action will it take to prevent, remedy or penalise use of EU logos in a strictly political and non-institutional context?

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