

Question for written answer E-004921/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Transparency and accountability in the management of Danube Delta ITI funding: clarification needed from the Commission

The Danube Delta is of strategic importance for the Union, supporting biodiversity protection, adaptation to climate change, food security and secure trade routes, including for the transit of grain from Ukraine. However, the Danube Delta ITI mechanism, financed tune the tune of around EUR 1 billion, is faced with a blockage in funding due to the governance and management deficiencies detected in the 2021-2024 checks.

The Commission announced in 2023 that the final audit report was to be published, but it is not available. In parallel, OLAF and the EPPO have investigated over 30 projects, including a case of fraud involving forged documents, which resulted in the misappropriation of EUR 593 000, and for which EPPO brought the persons involved to trial. The absence of any consolidated public information is creating uncertainty for communities dependent on EU investment in the Danube Delta, which is a key region.

1. When will the Commission clarify what needs to be remedied in order to ensure the responsible resumption of funding for the Danube Delta ITI?
2. Will the Commission publish, in a summary and open-access format, the conclusions of the final audit announced in 2023 and the related time line?
3. How will the Commission request, facilitate or encourage OLAF and the EPPO to share their non-confidential conclusions on the Danube Delta ITI projects with Parliament, so that the EU institutions have a complete overview of how the funding has been used?

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