

Question for written answer E-003546/2026

to the Commission

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Subject: Millions granted to InnoEnergy despite clear failings

InnoEnergy was awarded EUR 10 million in EU support for the training and reskilling of workers in the European battery sector¹. The company subsequently announced that more than 100 000 people had been trained. A review shows, however, that the figure was based on certificates issued rather than on the number of individuals, meaning that one person could be counted several times over. Certificates could be obtained even with a score of 0 % in a test, and around 10 % of the reported participants came from a Minecraft-based educational game aimed at children².

Although InnoEnergy is currently being investigated by the European Public Prosecutor's Office for suspected grant and VAT fraud, the EU has already granted an additional EUR 9 million to InnoEnergy to set up a similar academy for the solar energy sector³.

With the above in mind:

1. Why has InnoEnergy been awarded additional grants despite ongoing investigations into grant and VAT fraud?
2. Why has InnoEnergy been awarded additional grants despite the extensive accounting shortcomings described above?
3. Will the Commission seek recovery of the funds concerned if it finds that EU grants have been misused, and will additional EU funding be suspended?

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¹ Brussels Signal, <https://brusselssignal.eu/2026/06/eu-green-investment-flagship-innoenergy-faces-epo-fraud-investigation/>.

² Affärsvärlden, <https://www.affarsvarlden.se/artikel/spritfest-hos-eu-kopplad-northvolt-finansiar-obegransad-alkohol>.

³ Affärsvärlden, <https://www.affarsvarlden.se/artikel/northvolt-finansiar-utreds-for-bedrageri-gav-batterikurs-i-minecraft>.