

**Question for written answer E-004127/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Potential irregularities in the NRRP-funded project to build the Naples-Bari high-speed rail line

The Naples Public Prosecutor's Office claims to have uncovered evidence of corruption, foreign worker mistreatment, and unlawful contracting and subcontracting practices in the NRRP-funded project to build the Naples-Bari high-speed rail line, and has also raised safety concerns by stating that it has proof that the quality of the concrete being used is inferior to what was promised in the plans.

Were these allegations to be confirmed, the project in question would be in breach of the obligations laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/241 (particularly Article 22 thereof, which concerns the protection of the financial interests of the Union and the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest) and Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement and conflicts of interest.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the facts of the case, and has it initiated enquiries into how the funds earmarked for the Naples-Bari project have been used?
2. Does the Commission hold that the practices mentioned above constitute breaches of the obligations established by Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and European public procurement legislation?
3. Will it forward the investigation's findings to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) so that the latter can assess whether the EU's financial interests are being undermined and whether an official investigation should be launched?

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