



Committee on Budgetary Control
The Chair

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Mr Valdis Dombrovskis
Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
and
Mr Paolo Gentiloni
Member of the European Commission

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Subject: Transmission of suspicions of fraud, possibly linked to the RRF, and follow-up

Dear Vice-President Dombrovskis,
Dear Commissioner Gentiloni,

I write to you in the wake of a very successful mission of the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) to Madrid, where the contribution of the Commission, in the person of Mr Costello, was well appreciated.

I was however made aware of worrying reports in Spanish media about the implementation of certain projects on the Canary Islands, where potentially EU funds, and more specific RRF Funds, could be at stake.

Please allow me to transmit to you the information I have received. May I ask you in turn to inform the CONT committee on the question whether and to which extent EU funds, and more specific RRF funds, have been involved, and how the Commission intends to follow-up on the issue? We would also like to invite the Commission to report back on this issue to the CONT committee in due time.

I thank you in advance for your help and I look forward to receiving the requested information.

Yours sincerely,

Monika Hohlmeyer

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<https://twitter.com/palomacervilla/status/1630549724699799554?s=12&t=CMh20dw2A6wrnvi9SpxLOW>

The 'Tito Berni' plot was looking for recovery funds: "You have to prepare the ground"
The businessmen involved in the Mediator case had their goal set on the recovery funds destined for the Canary Islands and warned the political branch of this: "You have to go preparing the ground"

<https://www.vozpopuli.com/espana/tito-berni-fondos-recuperacion-economica.html>

The European Commission alerted Spain about corrupt practices linked to the 'Mediator case'

<https://www.huffingtonpost.es/politica/comision-europea-alerto-espana-sobre-practicas-corruptas-vinculadas-caso-mediador.html>