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WRITTEN QUESTION E-1051/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(28 March 2003)

Subject: Use of funds from LIFE III, the fifth action programme in relation to the environment and sustainable development, and environmental training and awareness campaigns, by the municipality of Macerata

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Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Macerata, urgently need to use European funds for the preservation and protection of the environment,

Can the Commission state:

- 1. whether the municipality of Macerata has submitted projects for the LIFE III programme, the fifth action programme in relation to the environment and sustainable development, or for environmental training and awareness campaigns?
- 2. whether the municipality of Macerata has secured funding for these projects?
- 3. whether this funding has been used?

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Subject: Use of funds from LIFE III, the fifth action programme in relation to the environment and sustainable development, and environmental training and awareness campaigns, by the municipality of Massa

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The report reveals the alarming slowness and inefficiency with which EU funds are allocated to projects by some regional authorities.

The grave concerns about the inadequate use of European funds by local authorities have frequently been echoed by the Commission.

Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Massa, urgently need to use European funds for the preservation and protection of the environment,

Can the Commission state:

- 1. whether the municipality of Massa has submitted projects for the LIFE III programme, the fifth action programme in relation to the environment and sustainable development, or for environmental training and awareness campaigns?
- 2. whether the municipality of Massa has secured funding for these projects?
- 3. whether this funding has been used?