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1. whether the municipality of Pistoia has submitted projects for the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme?
2. whether the municipality of Pistoia has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-1072/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(31 March 2003)

Subject: Use of funds from the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme by the municipality of Prato

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1. whether the municipality of Prato has submitted projects for the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme?
2. whether the municipality of Prato has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-1073/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(31 March 2003)

Subject: Use of funds from the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme by the municipality of Siena

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Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Siena, urgently need to use European funds to enhance quality, promote innovation and support the European dimension of vocational training systems and practices, can the Commission state:

1. whether the municipality of Siena has submitted projects for the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme?
2. whether the municipality of Siena has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-1074/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(31 March 2003)

Subject: Use of funds from the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme by the municipality of Terni

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Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Terni, urgently need to use European funds to enhance quality, promote innovation and support the European dimension of vocational training systems and practices, can the Commission state:

1. whether the municipality of Terni has submitted projects for the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme?
2. whether the municipality of Terni has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

Joint answer

**to Written Questions E-0833/03, E-0890/03, E-1062/03, E-1063/03,
E-1064/03, E-1065/03, E-1066/03, E-1067/03, E-1068/03, E-1069/03,
E-1070/03, E-1071/03, E-1072/03, E-1073/03 and E-1074/03
given by Mrs Reding on behalf of the Commission**

(8 May 2003)

Some of the funds awarded under the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme are managed decentrally by national agencies, in particular the transnational mobility projects, whose total budget takes up almost 40 % of the total for the programme.

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