BUDAPEST: Already dogged by corruption, low wages and poor working conditions, Hungary's health sector now faces another grave threat: a backlash from the EU over an alleged abuse of funds. It is the latest in a series of complaints against Hungary for misspending funds, following accusations of fraud and misuse of EU funds in the country.

According to Eniko Batai, head of the National Health Fund, Hungary's health sector is under intense scrutiny from the European Commission, which has expressed concerns about the country's use of EU funds.

Batai said that the government was working to address the EU's concerns, but that it would be unwise to speculate on the outcome of the Commission's investigation.

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The EU is due to announce its decision on Hungary's fund mismanagement in the coming weeks.

In a statement, the government said it was committed to ensuring that EU funds are used in a transparent and accountable manner.

"We firmly believe that proper use of EU funds is in the best interest of Hungarian citizens," the statement said.

"We are working closely with the EU to address any issues that may arise, and we are committed to ensuring that the funds are used effectively for the benefit of the Hungarian people."

The European Commission has previously accused Hungary of misusing EU funds, particularly in the health sector, where it has been accused of paying for projects that did not benefit Hungarian citizens.

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