

**Question for written answer E-006267/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Barroso joining Goldman Sachs

In early July we learned that the former Commission president, José Manuel Barroso had been hired by Goldman Sachs.

This banking conglomerate was instrumental in causing the 2008 financial crisis and speculated on Greece by massaging its public finances.

The Code of Conduct for Commissioners stipulates that former commissioners must avoid any conflict of interest for 18 months following their term in office. Since Mr Barroso left the Commission 20 months ago he is no longer bound by this restriction.

Given what we now know, it would be interesting to know the content of the reports exchanged between Goldman Sachs and Mr Barroso during his term as Commission President.

How many times did Mr Barroso or his cabinet meet representatives of Goldman Sachs? What were the subjects of these meetings?

Were representatives of Goldman Sachs called upon as experts on one or more dossiers? If so, which ones?

Aside from M. Barroso, have any other influential members of the cabinet of the Commission President been recruited by Goldman Sachs or another financial institution?