

**Question for written answer E-007692/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Olaf Stuger (ENF)**

Subject: PVV seeks clarification about a former Commissioner's questionable career move

On 1 January 2015 Ms Damanaki, a politician in PvdA's Greek sister party (Pakos), became Global Managing Director for Oceans at The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a very wealthy organisation<sup>1</sup>.

That was only two months after the end of her term of office, on 31 October 2014, whereas there is a mandatory 18-month 'cooling-off period'.

1. How much does Maria Damanaki earn at TNC?
2. Does the Commission not find it questionable that, within eight weeks, Ms Damanaki found a top-flight job at an organisation whose area of activity fell within her terms of reference as a Commissioner?
3. Is the Commission aware that, during her term of office, Ms Damanaki was regularly criticised for her overly close links with conservation organisations?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://corporateeurope.org/revolving-doors/2015/10/revolving-doors-spin-again>  
[https://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/damanaki\\_reply.pdf](https://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/damanaki_reply.pdf)  
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