

**Question for written answer E-007693/2016  
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. Did the Commission give prior approval for Ms Damanaki's questionable career move and, if so, why?
2. Were EU subsidies granted to TNC during Maria Damanaki's term of office?
3. Are there ongoing grant applications from TNC?

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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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