

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1012/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Who is trying to block the investigations into fraud in Euroland?

The blitz by the Belgian police, who raided the offices of Hans Martin Tillack, the Brussels correspondent of the German weekly Stern and author of a series of investigative articles on the Eurostat scandal and other delicate issues connected with corruption in the European Union institutions, is a serious and unprecedented act, which constitutes a violation of the principle of press freedom.

Does the Commission consider that this police initiative, probably prompted by OLAF and targeting not those guilty of corruption but someone reporting on corruption, shows that there are people at the highest levels of the European institutions who fear light being shed by serious investigative journalists on confidential and ignominious aspects of fraud and corruption in Euroland?