

**Question for written answer E-005384/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: Corruption in Romania

The Commission states in its half-yearly report on the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for Romania from 30 January this year that there are still problems when it comes to corruption and respect for the independence of the judiciary in Romania. The problems include personal threats against judges and their families and media campaigns that resemble outright harassment. In addition, the decisions of the Romanian National Integrity Agency, whose purpose is to combat corruption in the country, are often questioned. Despite four reports of ministerial corruption, none of the ministers have resigned and the staff of the Integrity Agency are often subjected to attacks in the media and from politicians¹.

If no respect is shown to the courts or the official authorities in their work against corruption, they will not be able to solve the problems of corruption in Romania. Therefore, the current situation is far from satisfactory.

- What is the Commission doing to improve the situation in Romania?
- What specific steps is it taking in order to combat corruption in Romania and to support the judiciary's and the authorities' fight against corruption?

¹ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism (COM(2013)47):
http://ec.europa.eu/cvm/docs/com_2013_47_en.pdf