

**Question for written answer E-008225/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Question to Mr Juncker and Mr Dombrovskis about Mr Kallas's professional activities after leaving the office of Commissioner

After serving two terms as Commissioner, Siim Kallas was permitted by the Commission to take up the position of special adviser to Commissioner Dombrovskis in January 2015, and to take up a position in the private sector software company Nortal in April 2015.

The decisions allowing Mr Kallas to take up these two positions indicate that the Commission has not deemed these two positions to be individually incompatible with the status of ex-Commissioner.

Therefore, I would like to inquire whether the Commission has evaluated the apparent contradiction between these two new positions themselves. Although Kallas has a duty to refrain from lobbying the Commission and/or its departments on behalf of Nortal, he has, in his new position as an adviser to the Commission, unfettered access to the Commission while being on the payroll of a software company on whose behalf he theoretically cannot lobby.

Do you not think that Kallas's role in Nortal and the potential overlaps with both his former role as Commissioner and with his new role as special adviser to a current Commissioner are contrary to the spirit and aims of the transparency rules?