

**Question for written answer E-001720/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Spanish Crown's violation of EU money laundering law

The Swiss Public Prosecutor's Office is investigating a bank account managed by the Mirabaud Group, which has its headquarters in the Bahamas, a tax haven. The Saudi Arabian Government transferred EUR 100 million to that account. The account holder is the Panamanian conduit company, Lucum Foundation, for which the beneficiary is the former Spanish head of state, Juan Carlos de Borbón.

The Public Prosecutor's research indicates that the EUR 100 million was payment to the former Spanish king for acting as a commission agent for a EUR 6.3 billion contract awarded to a number of Spanish companies for a high-speed train line to Mecca. The Telegraph <sup>1</sup> has revealed that the current head of state, Felipe de Borbón, is named as a beneficiary of this fund. This news not only puts the spotlight on the shady dealings of the former Spanish head of state but also suggests that he may have laundered money.

1. Does the Commission plan to look into whether these facts violate EU money-laundering law, specifically Directive (EU) 2015/849 and Regulation (EU) 2015/847?
2. Does it plan to look into whether Spain implemented that legislation correctly?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/03/14/spanish-king-named-offshore-fund-linked-65m-saudi-gift/>.