

**Question for written answer E-000202/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Enquiry into the misuse of European funds – OLAF investigation

In 2013, the leadership of Zbigniew Ziobro's *Solidarna Polska* party, seeking to obtain funding for their party from the MELD (Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy) group, which is funded by the European Parliament, submitted documents which were unreliable or made false claims of a material nature in order to obtain financial support. The group to which *Solidarna Polska* MEPs (Zbigniew Ziobro, Jacek Kurski and Jacek Włosowicz) belonged – MELD – covered the costs of a climate congress organised by the *Solidarna Polska* party. The congress allegedly took place on 30 June 2013 in Kraków. However, the event did not take place. On the same day, a convention of the *Solidarna Polska* party was held under the slogan 'New State, New Constitution'.

Given that an investigation by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) was launched in 2015 in connection with fraud suspicions, including from the right-wing MELD group and its associated FELD foundation, which received EU grants between 2012 and 2015:

1. Has OLAF opened and closed an investigation into the case of this sham climate congress in Poland?
2. Is OLAF aware of the case being pursued by the Polish Public Prosecutor's Office and its recent dismissal by the Polish Public Prosecutor General, Zbigniew Ziobro?
3. Has the final report of this investigation been drafted and have the recommendations and conclusions of the Polish Public Prosecutor's Office been forwarded in this case?