

**Question for written answer E-000663/2022/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Inaction of EU organisations amid allegations against the Court of Auditors

A three-part investigation published in French newspaper *Libération* by journalist Jean Quatremer, the last part of which appeared on 8 February 2022 with the title 'The negligence of the European Court of Auditors' (ECA), revealed that a third of the 27 ECA members allegedly committed abuses such as 'declaring fictitious domiciles, unjustified absences, misappropriation of mission funds and private use of official cars'.

These scandals were allegedly hushed up by influential EU figures, namely 'Monika Hohlmeier, the German Chair [of the Parliamentary Committee on Budgetary Control] and CDU/CSU member like Klaus-Heiner Lehne [President of the ECA], Austrian Christian Democrat Johannes Hahn, the European Commissioner for Budget and Administration in charge of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), and Finnish Conservative Ville Itälä, the Director-General of OLAF, former MEP and former ECA member'.

At the end of the article, Quatremer speculated about the EU organisations' inaction in the face of these allegations: 'Do Parliament, OLAF and the European Public Prosecutor's Office believe there is scope for an investigation into the misconduct and duplicity that *Libération* has uncovered?'

Can the Commission report on the alleged involvement of Commissioner Johannes Hahn in this case, as revealed in the above-mentioned article?