

**Question for written answer E-002598/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Election fraud

One of the objectives of the European democracy action plan is to 'promote free and fair elections'. This implies that no one should interfere in elections.

1. Does the Commission agree that a failure to investigate suspected cases of election fraud, like in Berlin in September 2021, or delay in doing so would put that objective at risk?
2. What does it make of Angela Merkel calling in February 2020, when she was Chancellor, for a perfectly legitimate election to be rerun – which after great political pressure then happened and which was only condemned two years later by a judgment of the Federal Constitutional Court, when it was too late for any real consequences to ensue?
3. What does it make of the conferences of a party currently monitored by the German intelligence agency having to be cancelled – recently in Baden-Württemberg, for example – because the police does not believe it can guarantee the safety of participants?