

**Question for written answer E-002599/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Appointment of constitutional court judges

In Germany, constitutional court judges are politically appointed. They decide whether opposition parties are placed under observation by the domestic intelligence agencies and are thus seriously harmed in their political work.

1. Does the Commission agree that this practice raises questions about the independence of the judiciary?
2. How does the Commission view the fact that politically appointed constitutional court judges keep up contact with the government even after their appointment, including – as has been established – shortly before rulings concerning opposition parties are handed down?