

**Question for written answer E-003583/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Shortcomings in remedial measures for Hungary to protect the EU budget

The Commission has proposed budget protection measures under the Conditionality Regulation and identified remedial measures to be taken by Hungary by 19 November 2022. Legal experts have identified serious shortcomings in the proposed remedial measures and their implementation by Hungary so far¹. Concerns have also been expressed about the possible annulment of remedial measures by Hungary's Constitutional Court after the adoption of the implementing decision². Finally, it appears that members of the selection board for the Integrity Authority are unsuitable, have potential conflicts of interest or do not have the required expertise.

1. Does the Commission believe that the EU budget will be sufficiently protected if the remedial measures are complied with, given the serious shortcomings identified in the assessment referred to above?
2. Does the Commission deem that the selection procedure for the President and Vice-Presidents of the Integrity Authority contains sufficient safeguards to ensure an independent selection process and prevent conflicts of interests?
3. Will the Commission propose a new implementing decision under the Conditionality Regulation if any of the remedial measures are rolled back after the Commission has assessed them?

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¹ <https://helsinki.hu/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/10/Assessment-of-measures-to-protect-EU-budget.pdf>

² <https://verfassungsblog.de/useless-and-maybe-unconstitutional/>