

**Question for written answer E-004154/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Commission's role in Qatargate

The former EU Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos held meetings with Commission vice-presidents while being paid by Fight Impunity, an NGO linked to the Qatari corruption scandal.

These meetings took place in November 2021, although until 1 December 2021 Mr Avramopoulos was prohibited from lobbying European Commissioners on behalf of the NGO on issues within his purview during his mandate.

Meetings on issues concerning EU policy can only be held if the relevant lobby groups are listed in the EU's transparency register, an online database of interest groups. Fight Impunity was not, however, on the register.

1. Can the Commission explain how it could give the green light to a former European Commissioner to act on behalf of a lobby group that was not even on the EU transparency register?
2. Can the Commission confirm that the matters discussed by Mr Avramopoulos with the European Commissioners, even 'in a private capacity', were permitted under the Code of Conduct for Members of the Commission?
3. Can it explain why Mr Avramopoulos' meetings with these European Commissioners in November 2021 are not listed in their online diaries, with the exception of that of Ms Kyriakides, something that constitutes a breach of their obligations?

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