

**Question for written answer E-000874/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: European Commission action to combat 'revolving doors' in the management of EU expenditure

According to the European Court of Auditors' Special Report 06/2023, it appears that, with regard to EU expenditure, in particular in EU cohesion and agricultural spending, many gaps still remain in measures to detect, resolve and report on conflicts of interest. EU legislation requires that individuals involved in managing EU funds (at EU and national level) should avoid situations of conflict of interest arising from political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest.

According to the Court of Auditors, although self-declarations are the most widely used method in avoiding and managing such situations, and are also widely used at EU level, the still underestimated phenomenon of 'revolving doors' – where a member of staff moves from a role as a public official to a position in the private sector, but in the same sphere – entails a serious inherent risk of conflict of interest.

1. What steps does the Commission intend to take to adequately address the issue of conflicts of interest in the management of EU expenditure?
2. Does the Commission intend to promote the identification of risk situations and combat 'revolving doors', a phenomenon that undermines the transparency and integrity of European institutions?

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