

**Question for written answer E-001406/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Decision of Eamonn Brennan to join the Board of Ryanair Holdings plc

The Commission appointed Eurocontrol in 2011 and 2019 as network manager for the Single European Sky in order to ensure business continuity in the performance of air-traffic management network functions. Over the last decade, several elements of the Eurocontrol regime, such as the charging and performance review and the common air traffic flow management system, have been successfully enhanced under EU law.

Eamonn Brennan, former Director General of Eurocontrol from 2018 to 2022, accepted an invitation to join the board of Ryanair Holdings plc from 1 April 2023.

1. Does the Commission consider it acceptable for a former director of an EU-appointed central body to sit on a private board after leaving office without observing the 'cooling-off' period normally required of EU Commissioners, staff and officials?
2. Does the Commission intend to make any proposals in response to the recent warning by the EU Court of Auditors that EU agencies' rules and controls should be strengthened in order to minimise the risk of conflicts of interest that could jeopardise the integrity of the EU institutions?

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