

**Question for written answer E-001532/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Political corruption in the PSOE using EU funds via a public international cooperation foundation (FIIAPP)

Both the Anti-Fraud Office and the European Public Prosecutor's Office have intervened in the Mediator Case, a saga of political corruption, sexual exploitation and drug use in the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), paid for with EU funds. Among those arrested are a member of the Spanish Parliament and the director of the EU's GAR-SI SAHEL project. This project is financed by the European Commission and managed by FIIAPP, a public foundation chaired by Ms Calviño, Vice-President of the Spanish Government and former high-ranking Commission official. It has an annual budget of EUR 67 million, most of which comes from the EU.

1. How, when and what checks does the Commission carry out, given that a political corruption scandal involving the use of EU funds is once again being uncovered by third parties?
2. When Ms Calviño was the Commission's Director-General for Budget, what links did she have with FIIAPP?
3. What is the Commission's view of the fact that the Spanish Government – poised to take over the presidency of the EU Council – is engulfed in a further case of misappropriation of EU funds by the PSOE, as with the ERE scandal?

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