

**Question for written answer E-001722/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Draft Maltese legislation of spring 2023 amending the 'Gaming Act, Cap. 583'

1. Is the Commission aware of the Maltese Government's intention to protect the gambling industry based in Malta by means of its draft law No 55/2023 pursuant to which relevant judgments from other Member States of the European Union will not be recognised and enforced in Malta and, if so, what action does the Commission intend to take to oppose this?
2. Does the Commission know whether the Maltese Government or individual members of that Government have maintained links with the Maltese gambling industry in the past or whether they do so at present and, if so, does it know the nature of these links, and have there been any instances of corruption in the past?
3. Does the Commission consider sanctions conceivable in the event that Malta has failed to comply with EU law and, in this connection, what is the Commission's position regarding an infringement procedure under Article 258 TFEU?

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