

**Question for written answer E-001896/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Explanation of Politico article 'A top EU official helps run a luxury hotel in Bali – and never had to tell Brussels', 12 June 2023

1. According to the Commission, owning a hotel is not considered an outside activity and is therefore not something that has to be declared. Why are the financial interests of Commission officials not subject to a mandatory disclosure requirement and how can the Commission guarantee that no conflicts of interest arise if disclosure of financial interests is not mandatory?
2. Why does the Commission encourage mandatory asset declarations for public officials in the Member States and prospective Member States, but does not require the same of its own officials?
3. What steps will the Commission take to improve the transparency and integrity of its officials and ensure that potential conflicts of interest are avoided, and how will the Commission's rules governing its staff have to be amended in this regard?

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