

**Question for written answer E-003075/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Alicia Homs Ginel (S&D)

Subject: Closure of the Office for Preventing and Combating Corruption in the Balearic Islands

On Wednesday, 27 September 2023, the Government of the Balearic Islands began the procedure to close down the Oficina de Prevención y Lucha contra la Corrupción en las Illes Balears (Office for Preventing and Combating Corruption in the Balearic Islands). The aim of the Office is to prevent corruption in an autonomous community where, for many years, the people have been very concerned about this issue.

In view of Decision 1999/352/EC, ECSC, Euratom establishing OLAF, an office that was set up to strengthen the fight against fraud, corruption and other serious misconduct in the European institutions, on the basis of Article 325 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and State Law 2/23 implementing Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019:

1. Does the Commission believe that the closure of a regional office such as this is at odds with its own initiatives?
2. Does it believe that new offices designed to prevent corruption and other irregularities duplicate the work of the prosecution service and other related bodies?

Submitted: 18.10.2023