

**Question for written answer E-003507/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Commission and public opinion

During her remarks in the Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) committee on 25 October 2023, Commissioner Johansson explained that the Commission is not neutral during the legislative process but is proactively influencing public opinion in the Member States in order to convince Parliament and the Council to support the Commission's political line and that the Commission only takes a moderating position once Parliament and Council have agreed their positions.

1. Can the Commission explain which articles in the Treaties envisage that the Commission influence public opinion in Member States whose governments or parties do not support the Commission's line in order to convince Parliament and Council to support the Commission's political line?
2. Can the Commission explain, which budget line, adopted by the Parliament and the Council, envisages that funds be used to influence public opinion in Member States whose governments or parties do not support the Commission's line in order to convince Parliament and Council to support the Commission's political line?

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