

**Question for written answer E-003621/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Draghi as a Commission adviser

Mario Draghi, former Italian Prime Minister and previously President of the ECB, has been appointed by the Commission to make recommendations on how to make the EU more competitive.

1. Given that the Commission solicits the services of a large number of external consultancy firms and spent over EUR 462 million on contracts with large consultancy firms between 2016 and 2019 alone, in what way is it necessary to appoint additional advisers?
2. Mario Draghi stated during a book launch that the EU must become a state. What is the Commission's view on this statement, and is it part of his recommendations?
3. How much is the Commission spending on Mario Draghi's advisory services, and how long is this 'employment relationship' due to last?

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