

**Question for written answer E-000623/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Investigation into members of the Spanish Government and regional socialist governments with regard to a scandal concerning EU funds

A corruption scandal has recently erupted in which members of the Spanish Government and the Spanish Socialist Party were able to obtain millions in kickbacks from the purchase of medical equipment during the pandemic.

Among those involved is the right-hand man of the former Minister of Transport and, as known in the media, socialist regional governments and other ministries could also be affected.

We have also learned that the possible use of EU funds in contracts related to the 'Koldo case' or 'Ábalos case' could be under investigation.

We are talking about contracts between the Government of the Balearic Islands (then led by the Spanish Socialist Party) and the company of the adviser to the former Minister of Transport, and contracts awarded by the Government of the Canary Islands allocating money from the European Regional Development Fund.

The Commission should investigate whether the companies and those responsible for the kickbacks were able to benefit from EU funds. It should also broaden the investigation to ascertain whether more people could possibly have been involved.

1. Has the Commission already opened an investigation into this matter and asked the Spanish authorities for information?
2. Does it condemn the fact that through the Spanish Government they were able to grow rich on public money from kickbacks?
3. What control mechanisms does it intend to promote to improve oversight of EU funds?

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