

**Question for written answer E-000690/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Inappropriate use of the Commission's human and material resources in activities linked to an election campaign

On 1 March 2024, a 56-page document entitled 'Keeping our promise to Europe: The story of the von der Leyen Commission' appeared on the Commission's website. In an online post, one of the Commission staff involved in producing the document said: 'Over the past few weeks, many great colleagues have dedicated long hours and weekends to bring all of this content together (...) it has been a gigantic team effort (...)'.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission states that the Commission's President 'may not use the Commission's human or material resources for activities linked to the electoral campaign'<sup>2</sup>. Ursula von der Leyen is running for another five-year term as Commission President. Bearing in mind the very restrictive rules regarding MEPs' assistants and their involvement in election campaigns:

1. Is the involvement of Commission employees, both within and outside working hours, and of the Commission's material resources in creating what is essentially an election campaign leaflet consistent with the above-mentioned provision of the Code of Conduct?
2. Will the Commission investigate this matter, and what does it expect the consequences to be for the unethical and illegal use of the Commission's human and material resources for electoral purposes by a candidate for the position of Commission President in the 2024-2029 term?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7169418613853003776/>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221(02)).