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Answer given by Mr Hahn  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Code of Conduct for Members of the Commission<sup>1</sup> clearly states that Members standing as candidates or participating in an electoral campaign may not use the Commission's human or material resources for activities linked to the electoral campaign.

Furthermore, the College adopted very clear guidelines on the involvement of the Members of the Commission in the election campaign for the European Parliament, see the 'Guidelines on ethical standards for the participation of the Members of the European Commission in the election campaign to the European Parliament', adopted on 24 January 2024<sup>2</sup> (the 'Guidelines'). Besides, as regards the involvement of civil servants, a Commission Decision on the conduct of officials and other servants during the election campaign to the European Parliament was formally adopted on 15 March 2024 ('Decision of 2024').

Section 4, point e) of the Guidelines makes clear that a Member participating in the campaign cannot use the Commission's human or material resources for activities linked to the campaign and that travel of a Member of the Commission in relation to a participation in a campaign activity cannot be considered as a mission and cannot be reimbursed by the Commission. Expenses incurred for campaign travel may be covered by third parties (usually the national or European political party of the Member).

In the same manner, sections 1.1 and 5.3 of the Decision 2024 provide that staff members must not use Commission resources for the purpose of the campaign and that missions to participate in the campaign as candidate or as campaigner will not be granted.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/service-standards-and-principles/ethics-and-good-administration/commissioners-and-ethics/code-conduct-members-european-commission\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/service-standards-and-principles/ethics-and-good-administration/commissioners-and-ethics/code-conduct-members-european-commission_en)

<sup>2</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/777395ce-2b48-4286-ad57-dfd1e2245940\\_en?filename=participation-of-ec-members-in-ep-election-campaign-guidelines\\_en\\_1.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/777395ce-2b48-4286-ad57-dfd1e2245940_en?filename=participation-of-ec-members-in-ep-election-campaign-guidelines_en_1.pdf)