

**Question for written answer E-001883/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Enquiry on strengthening the enforcement of EU AML regulations and legal protections in cases involving legal professionals

Concerns have arisen regarding the misuse of attorney trust accounts in the EU, where legal professionals may be implicated in facilitating financial crimes, including money laundering. Despite evidence and existing anti-money laundering (AML) regulations, national courts in some Member States have not sufficiently addressed the responsibility of legal professionals involved in such misconduct. This raises broader questions about the enforcement of EU regulations and the protection of victims who suffer financial losses due to inadequate judicial oversight.

In relation to this:

1. How does the Commission ensure that the Member States fully implement and enforce AML laws, particularly in cases involving legal professionals?
2. What measures can the Commission take when Member States' legal systems fail to adequately protect victims of financial crimes or fail to uphold EU legal standards?
3. Can the Commission provide guidance or establish mechanisms for addressing deficiencies in the judicial handling of cases involving legal professionals, especially when it undermines EU financial regulations?

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