

Question for written answer E-002221/2024
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Accountability of Airbus in the Privatisation of TAP

The Inspectorate-General of Finance of the Portuguese Republic has carried out an audit that points to the participation of Airbus – a European multinational – in an illegal and criminal scheme for financing TAP's privatisation in 2015.

The same conclusion had already been reached by a Portuguese Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry, whose work was completed a year ago. At that time, the Assembly of the Republic asked the Government to request that the European Union investigate that participation and establish the necessary accountabilities for the difficulties that said participation created for the Portuguese Republic.

In the meantime, the Portuguese Prime Minister has informed the Assembly of the Republic that the Government has not taken 'any steps' to implement that resolution of the Assembly of the Republic. This was a regrettable choice, but one that only serves to hold accountable those to made it (the last two Portuguese governments).

But the question was already referred directly to the European Commission (questions E-001889/2023¹ and P-002436/2023²), so we are asking again:

1. Has the European Commission already carried out an assessment of the role played by Airbus in the privatisation process of TAP, in 2015, and its accountability for the damage caused to the Portuguese Republic by that privatisation?
2. If so, what are the results of that assessment? If not, why has no assessment been carried out?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-001889_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002436_EN.html