

**Question for written answer E-003079/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Actions of Viktor Orbán's government in granting asylum to Marcin Romanowski, former Polish Deputy Minister of Justice, who faces prosecution on corruption charges

Viktor Orbán's pro-Putin government has granted asylum to Marcin Romanowski, a former Deputy Minister of Justice in the Law and Justice (PiS) government, against whom criminal charges have been brought by the Public Prosecutor's Office for his participation in a criminal group and for rigging competitions for grants from the Justice Fund amounting to more than PLN 112 million. A Polish arrest warrant as well as a European arrest warrant have been issued against Mr Romanowski.

In this connection:

1. In the Commission's view, does the granting of asylum by Viktor Orbán's pro-Putin government to a former deputy minister from the Law and Justice party, who is being prosecuted for corruption, qualify for the launching of an infringement procedure for breach of the principle of mutual recognition of judicial decisions and the principle of loyal cooperation within the European Union?
2. Does the Commission consider that this latest breach by Viktor Orbán's pro-Putin government of the principles of the rule of law applicable in the EU and of the rules concerning freedom, security and justice in the EU should be addressed in the form of a procedure under Article 7 TEU?

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