Question for written answer E-000658/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Potential misuse of EU funds by pro-migrant association Equalis

Equalis, an association providing emergency accommodation with a focus on social integration, has previously received EU funding, in particular from the European Social Fund (ESF)[1]. Some of the bodies that have merged with Equalis, such as the Agir-Combattre-Réunir association, have also received EU subsidies for certain projects[2].

However, accusations of poor financial management have been levelled against the association. Arthur Anane, the former director of the association, had a monthly net salary of EUR 11 400, as well as the use of an Audi Q7 and a housing allowance of EUR 533 per month[3].

This raises some questions, especially given that Equalis is run almost exclusively on public funding, including EU funds. Legal proceedings are under way, and in June 2025 the association's former director is to be tried for the alleged misappropriation of public funds.

1. Have Equalis or its constituent bodies received EU funding (from the ESF, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund or others), and if so, how much?

2. Has the Commission carried out an audit or check on the use of EU funds granted to Equalis? If so, what were its findings?

3. What mechanisms will the Commission make use of to ensure that any misappropriated funds are recovered and to prevent such misuse from happening again?

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[1] https://equalis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Rapport_annuel_2023_EXE.HDQ_.pdf
[2] https://www.europeidf.fr/projets/JardinCocagne
[3] https://www.lefigaro.fr/faits-divers/le-patron-d-une-association-d-insertion-de-sdf-et-de-migrants-epingle-pour-son-salaire-20210922