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Subject: EU-Mercosur: EUR 1.8 billion – genuine support or leverage for negotiation?

The Commission recently announced that it has allocated EUR 1.8 billion to Mercosur countries as part of the political agreement reached in December. However, the announcement raises multiple questions as, while the funds are officially intended to support Mercosur countries' economic and environmental transition, some observers think they were possibly a bribe to smooth the way for concluding the agreement. This has cast a shadow over the transparency of the negotiations.

To clarify things, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What specific criteria guided the decision to allocate EUR 1.8 billion to Mercosur countries and how will this amount be distributed and used to ensure a fair transition, particularly on the social and environmental fronts?

2. How is the Commission planning to address allegations of both a lack of transparency and possible conflicts of interest, so as to reassure EU citizens about the integrity of the Mercosur talks?

3. What concrete monitoring, evaluation and control mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that these funds are used for the agreed purposes and that any risk of misappropriation or mismanagement is avoided?

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