

Question for written answer E-000990/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Potential interference by EU institutions in the upcoming presidential elections in Poland

The recent statement by Commission Vice-President Henna Virkkunen regarding the Commission's intention to organise a 'roundtable' on Poland's upcoming presidential elections raises serious concerns about possible interference by EU institutions in Poland's democratic process. Commissioner Virkkunen, who openly supported candidate Rafał Trzaskowski during Poland's 2020 presidential campaign, announced the Commission would 'analyse different scenarios' with Polish authorities, NGOs and social media platforms. This raises concerns regarding impartiality and interference.

Given that electoral processes remain strictly within the competencies of Member States:

1. Does the Commission consider the announced 'roundtable' on the presidential elections in Poland to be consistent with its principle of non-interference in a Member State's democratic process, and what legal basis does it rely on to justify that it will not interfere in any way in Poland's sovereignty and electoral process?
2. What specific 'scenarios' does the Commission intend to analyse and what criteria will be used to assess them?
3. Has the Commission held similar roundtables ahead of presidential elections in other EU Member States, and if so, what were the countries involved, achieved outcomes and measures undertaken to ensure non-interference?

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