

**Question for written answer E-001964/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Cronyism at EU Agency for Asylum

On 15 May 2025, Politico published the article ‘EU asylum agency bosses favored “friendly circle” for promotions, watchdog finds’¹. It reports that OLAF has found, following investigations, that the EU Agency for Asylum has been promoting a ‘friendly circle’ into senior positions. The stability and reputation of the agency is reported to be at stake. On 7 May 2025, a majority decision was taken in Strasbourg not to grant discharge to the Agency for Asylum². The reasons behind this were urgent concerns about the ‘internal management’ and ‘procedures of the agency’, nepotism and issues affecting its financial management. The executive director of the Agency for Asylum refused to give answers to the CONT Committee and its board refused to make any further comments on the OLAF report³.

1. Does the Commission share our view that this is an extremely worrying situation that requires decisive action on the part of the Agency for Asylum?
2. Does the Commission consider the positions of the director and the members of the management board to be tenable?
3. On the basis of the recent OLAF report, what concrete measures does the Commission intend to take?

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¹ <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-asylum-agency-bosses-promotions-watchdog-probe/>.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/PV-10-2025-05-07-RCV_EN.html (point 3).

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2025-0065_EN.html (paragraphs 94-96).