

Question for written answer E-003033/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible breach of EU law in the Spanish Government granting State aid to Plus Ultra

In light of the revelations about former Prime Minister Rodríguez Zapatero meeting with then Minister José Luis Ábalos – currently charged with corruption – on behalf of airline Plus Ultra, it is urgent to clarify whether the granting of EUR 53 million from Spain's Solvency Support Fund for Strategic Companies (FASEE) complied with the EU's legal framework.

The Commission should clarify whether this State aid complies with Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, given that the company it went to has a marginal position in the Spanish market.

1. Will the Commission examine whether the political intervention in question infringes the principle of administrative impartiality and the rule of law, and whether the process complied with the principles of transparency, objectivity and non-discrimination, considering that companies with greater economic impact were excluded?
2. Is the Commission assessing whether this case could constitute a breach of EU rules on the fight against fraud and corruption, especially in light of Regulation (EU) 2020/2223 and the governance framework of the Recovery and Resilience Facility?

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