

**Question for written answer E-003649/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Abusive lawsuit (SLAPP) against a former MEP for a political activity carried out in the context of his mandate

A lawsuit has been brought before a Greek court against former MEP Stelios Kouloglou for damages of EUR 450 000. The lawsuit concerns the content of a letter he had sent to the President of the European Parliament in Brussels during his term of office on issues of transparency and public interest¹. The plaintiff is the former general secretary of the Greek Prime Minister's office – a post from which he resigned when the wiretapping scandal broke out – as well as his nephew. His actions are described in detail in the report of the relevant EP committee².

This lawsuit falls under the provisions of Directive (EU) 2024/1069 (the 'Anti-SLAPP Directive'), as it is directed against a person actively participating in the public debate in the public interest³. At the same time, it also targets the political activity of a Member of the European Parliament that is directly linked to the performance of his duties, and who is protected by the independence of the mandate and the freedom of opinion of MEPs⁴.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

What measures will it take to ensure the harmonised application of the Treaties and EU law, in particular the transposition and implementation of the Anti-SLAPP Directive in the Greek legal order?

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¹ <https://tvxs.gr/news/ellada/nea-agogi-dimitriadi-kata-koylogloy-i-apantisi-toy-eyrovoyleyti/>

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2023-0189_EN.html

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1069/oj/>

⁴ In accordance with EU law, Articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the EU and the case law of the CJEU (C-502/13 Junqueras, C-163/10 Patriciello), immunity is dependent on a functional link with duties, protects against criminal and civil claims and is maintained beyond the end of the mandate for acts that took place during the mandate.