

**Question for written answer E-004405/2025**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Dolors Montserrat (PPE)**

Subject: Potential conflict of interest and irregular use of NextGenerationEU funds in Spain

The Centre for Technological Development and Innovation (CDTI), an agency reporting to Spain's Ministry of Science, has awarded EUR 22.2 million in Recovery and Resilience Facility funds to Openchip & Software Technologies, whose vice-president is the partner of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, José Manuel Albares.

Although this aid is not channelled through it, the Council of Ministers is not exempt from the oversight obligations laid down in Article 61 of the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046), Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and Article 41 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. Whether it considers that, in not intervening, the Council of Ministers has failed in its duty to assess the conflict of interest.
2. Whether it intends to take any action to verify whether these funds were allocated in a manner compliant with the principles of transparency, impartiality and good administration required under EU law.

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