

**Question for written answer E-004798/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: New embezzlement scandal of European funds in Greece by the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation

Recent publications reveal serious allegations¹² regarding the management of programmes in the fields of education, youth and lifelong learning, several of which are financed by EU funds. According to the publications, the ruling party's youth members hold positions both in the administration of the competent national body and in companies that received contracts or participated in assignments within the framework of the relevant programmes, while - in the case of tenders - the same persons are allegedly connected to competing companies.

The case raises reasonable questions regarding conflicts of interest, embezzlement of European funds, the transparency of award processes and the effectiveness of the control mechanisms that the Member State must implement³.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to request explanations from the Greek authorities regarding the management, award procedures and controls carried out in the specific programmes, taking into account the complaints?
2. What supervisory and assurance tools can the Commission activate within the framework of its competences in order to verify that the Member State complies with EU obligations on the prevention of conflicts of interest, transparency and sound financial management?
3. Does the Commission intend to request detailed information from the Greek authorities on expenditure, awards, participation of companies and control procedures in order to assess compliance with the rules governing the protection of the Union's financial interests?

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¹ <https://tvxs.gr/news/ellada/tvxs-apokleistiko-brochi-skandalon-kai-eisaggeleas-sto-idryma-dia-vioy-mathisis/>

² <https://tvxs.gr/news/ellada/skandalo-idryma-neolaias-kai-dia-vioy-mathisis-neo-apokalyptika-stoicheia-epistoli-toy-proin-proedroy-k-dervoy/>

³ In accordance with Article 317 TFEU and the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation.