

Question for written answer E-000145/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Allegations of trading in influence and integrity of the EU sanctions regime in Cyprus

Recent public revelations, based on a video recording and official statements by Cypriot politicians, raise serious allegations of trading in influence. They also point to links between foreign investments and financial contributions, as well as possible attempts at political interference in Cyprus' position at EU level regarding the EU sanctions regime imposed on Russian nationals.

1. Can the Commission say what position the Republic of Cyprus has taken at EU level during discussions on the possible inclusion of Andrei Kosogov on the sanctions list, and whether representations have been made in his favour?
2. Does the Commission intend to investigate whether the alleged events could have undermined the integrity, unity and credibility of the EU sanctions regime?
3. What action is it considering to ensure that Cypriot foreign investment procedures fully comply with EU law, in particular Regulation (EU) 2019/452, and are free from any political interference or conflict of interest?

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