Question for written answer E-000863/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission's financing of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) under the Global Gateway Strategy

The Commission recently entered into a 'historic' partnership with the Confederation of African Football (CAF), in order to promote its Global Gateway initiative. According to public information, a sum of EUR 5.5 million has been paid to CAF, including for the purchase of advertising space during the Africa Cup of Nations in December 2025.

There has been outrage as public funds are used to bankroll visibility for a bureaucratic programme on stadium billboards, while Europeans are caught in an ongoing economic crisis.

CAF is frequently embroiled in scandals pertaining to corruption and misuse of funds. The organisation's former president was suspended by FIFA for abuse of power and embezzlement, while the current president is facing accusations of opaque management and questionable financial practices.

1. How does the Commission justify a financial partnership with an entity whose leadership is regularly implicated in corruption scandals?

2. Furthermore, how does it justify this spending in accordance with the principles of sound financial management laid out in Article 317 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union[1]?

3. What guarantees and audit mechanisms has the Commission put in place to avoid any risk of irregularity and misuse of funds?

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[1] Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.