

**Question for written answer E-001838/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Systemic corruption scheme within the Slovak Paying Agency (PPA)

The Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) has repeatedly identified serious deficiencies in the management and control of EU agricultural funds in Slovakia, including risks of corruption, conflicts of interest and political interference.

The ‘Dobytár’ case exposed a systemic corruption scheme within the Slovak Paying Agency (PPA), involving bribes of up to 20-25 % of allocated common agricultural policy (CAP) subsidies. Norbert Bődör has been charged in connection with this case.

Recent reports indicate new cases in which CAP subsidies have been granted to entities allegedly linked to Bődör, with suggestions that these funds were approved by individuals with personal or business connections to the beneficiaries.¹

These developments raise concerns that previously identified networks of influence may still be active.

1. How does the Commission assess the allocation of EU funds to entities linked to a person charged in a major corruption case involving CAP funds?
2. Does the Commission consider that these new developments indicate a persistent failure to address conflicts of interest under Article 61 of the Financial Regulation?
3. What concrete measures will the Commission take to protect the EU budget, including possible financial corrections, suspension of payments or referrals to the European Anti-Fraud Office and the European Public Prosecutor’s Office?

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¹ <https://zastavmekorupciu.sk/kauzy/takacov-rezort-pustil-agrodotacie-aj-obvinenym-pomaha-to-projektom-ako-fafokan/>.