

**Question for written answer E-002643/2026**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Mariusz Kamiński (ECR)**

**Subject:**     Infringement of Article 245 TFEU and the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission by Commissioner Didier Reynders

Article 245 TFEU and the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission<sup>1</sup> oblige Commissioners to maintain high ethical standards, disclose interests even when standing as a candidate and observe a high level of transparency as regards external contacts. According to Article 7 of the Code, Commissioners and their members of Cabinet shall meet only those organisations or individuals registered in the Transparency Register, making public information on such meetings.

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Reynders led the EU Freeze and Seize Task Force, the purpose of which was to identify, freeze and confiscate the assets of Russian oligarchs subject to sanctions.<sup>2</sup> Yet the Belgian media had previously highlighted Reynders' role in Kazakhgate<sup>3</sup> and in the unfreezing of Yukos's assets,<sup>4</sup> and reported on the fact that the Russian embassy had awarded Reynders' brother a contract for the renovation of its buildings.<sup>5</sup> Several months ago, the Belgian services made it known that an investigation had been opened into relations between Reynders and certain Russian nationals, including the sanctioned Oleg Deripaska, with introductions allegedly being arranged via the Association Bruno Lussato et Marina Fédier, of which Reynders was apparently a member.<sup>6</sup> The media have also reported on his relations with Ernest de Laminne de Bex, President of CIDIC, a diplomatic club which allegedly served as a platform for contacts between European elites and the Russian and Chinese intelligence services.<sup>7</sup>

Commissioner Reynders failed to declare his contacts with Russian nationals and the aforementioned bodies, both before taking office and while in office.<sup>8</sup> The members of his Cabinet also failed to make known this information.<sup>9</sup>

When will the President of the Commission take action in response to Reynders' infringement of Article 245 TFEU and the Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission, including the concealment of conflicts of interests and contacts with Russian nationals, and what action will be taken?

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<sup>1</sup>     [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221(02))

<sup>2</sup>     [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1828](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1828)

<sup>3</sup>     <https://www.lalibre.be/belgique/politique-belge/2017/04/19/quel-lien-entre-reynders-et-le-kazakhgate-LW7D6IJGBCYZFGON7EDFLJOX4/>

<sup>4</sup>     <https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-belgium-to-unblock-diplomatic-assets/27083198.html>

<sup>5</sup>     <https://euobserver.com/30344/belgium-to-probe-russia-links-of-former-eu-commissioner>

<sup>6</sup>     <https://www.lesoir.be/696665/article/2025-09-02/le-parquet-de-bruxelles-rouvre-lenquete-pour-blanchiment-visant-loligarque-russe>

<sup>7</sup>     <https://www.humo.be/nieuws/ernest-de-laminne-de-bex-wordt-verdacht-van-spionage-voor-rusland-en-china-maar-dankzij-didier-reynders-werd-hij-baron~bbf61cce/>

<sup>8</sup>     [https://commissioners.ec.europa.eu/didier-reynders\\_en#transparency](https://commissioners.ec.europa.eu/didier-reynders_en#transparency)

<sup>9</sup>     <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency-initiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=f6ed6053-a2d6-4e74-a60e-087f44cc83aa&page=19>