Question for written answer E-003001/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU agencies: who chooses their directors and according to what criteria?

EU agencies take decisions that can have direct consequences for citizens and businesses.

The European Parliament has recently strengthened its scrutiny procedures for certain appointments, while the new agreement between Parliament and the Commission provides for candidate hearings for director roles at regulatory agencies.

1. When the Commission takes part in a selection procedure, does it undertake to publish the criteria chosen, the number of applications received and the reasons for the choice of candidates proposed?

2. Does it intend to make it compulsory for candidates to submit a declaration of interests and undergo an independent check of risks of conflicts of interest before they are nominated?

3. Will it propose common rules, for all the agencies concerned, that ensure a transparent, competency-based appointment process that is subject to meaningful parliamentary scrutiny?

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