

**Question for written answer E-003423/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Irregularities and possible unlawful favourable treatment of Real Madrid

Madrid City Council is processing a change to Real Madrid FC's plot DO-190 in Valdebebas that increases the area of buildable land from 360 000 m² to 532 550 m², allows the land to be used for profit-making purposes and increases the value of the land to EUR 360.1 million.

Real Madrid competes with European clubs, but the public advantages granted by Madrid can distort that competition, a scenario covered by Articles 107 and 108 TFEU. There has already been – in 2016 – an investigation by the Commission into Real Madrid's tax privileges and a municipal urban planning project.

In question E-002668/2023¹, Manu Pineda, a former Member of the European Parliament from The Left Group, denounced the contracts that were awarded for the Bernabéu car parks. The Commission claimed ignorance and did not investigate. Subsequently, the courts rendered null and void the tender and the award of the contracts and found that the transaction benefited the club, not the general interest. That precedent supports the core of Pineda's complaint and should guide how the Valdebebas matter is examined.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission investigate whether the reclassification of Valdebebas grants Real Madrid a selective advantage contrary to Article 107 TFEU?
2. Has it taken note of the decisions bearing out the warnings about the case involving the car parks, and will it apply that precedent to the examination of the Valdebebas matter?
3. Will it request that full clarification be provided and an independent assessment be carried out, and will it call for the reclassification to be suspended while it investigates that reclassification's compatibility with EU law?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-002668_EN.html.