

**Question for written answer E-003645/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Corruption in Ukrainian arms procurement – will the funding continue without scrutiny?

An investigation by the ‘New York Times’¹ on the basis of Ukrainian internal audit reports reveals that 7 of Ukraine’s 10 biggest arms contractors won new state contracts despite open criminal investigations for fraud or failures to deliver on previous contracts. After its ammunition was found to be defective, one manufacturer pocketed USD 280 million for mortar shells – even while its director was out on bail for corruption. Eighteen companies signed new deals despite proven breaches of contract. Internal audit findings reveal that, in 2024 alone, around USD 1.2 billion was lost due to fraud, waste and mismanagement.

The EU is providing Ukraine with billions in financial support in the form of macro-financial assistance and under the European Peace Facility – money that ultimately comes from taxpayers in the Member States.

1. Was the Commission aware of the failings in the Ukrainian procurement system detailed in these reports before they were leaked?
2. What specific vetting mechanisms stop EU funds going to companies with directors facing corruption charges?
3. In view of these billion-dollar losses, is the Commission considering suspending financial aid or renegotiating the terms?

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¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/06/world/europe/ukraine-war-weapons-fraud-corruption.html>.