

**Question for written answer E-003682/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Potential withdrawal of EU funding for Saxony-Anhalt and political interference in democratic election results

Following the AfD's resounding election victory in the Saxony-Anhalt Landtag elections, in which it received around 44 % of votes, a public debate has begun on withdrawing EU funding or freezing payments if the AfD forms part of the government¹. Saxony-Anhalt receives around EUR 2.95 billion in EU funding from the current 2021-2027 EU budget, for investments in schools, nurseries, sports facilities and medical infrastructure, among other things.

Against this background, a particular question arises regarding to what extent and under what conditions the Commission could take measures against an individual German federal state and directly or indirectly affect its access to EU funding, and where the limits of political influence by way of EU financial instruments lie.

1. What EU legal instruments could allow the Commission to suspend, freeze or otherwise restrict EU funding to an individual federal state within a Member State, and who would have the legal authority to make such a decision?
2. What specific circumstances would have to be in place for such a measure to be lawfully adopted in the case of a German federal state? To what extent would there have to be a direct link between the infringement established and the EU funds concerned?
3. Has the Commission already suspended, frozen or otherwise restricted funding allocated to a specific region or sub-national authority in a Member State for similar reasons?

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¹ <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/europa/eu-foerdermittel-sachsen-anhalt-100.html>.