

**Question for written answer E-003869/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Alleged misappropriation of European funds by the PSOE and the credibility of European institutions

According to various media reports, the European Public Prosecutor's Office has requested information from Spain's national high court (Audiencia Nacional) on the possible use of EU funds to finance party political advertising in the European elections campaign of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), and even for alleged illegal espionage, media pressure, blackmail and threats linked to the court case known as the Leire case¹².

Teresa Ribera, who headed the Socialist candidacy at the time, is now Executive Vice-President of the Commission; Iratxe García, also of the PSOE, chairs the S&D Group. These allegations, if confirmed, go beyond Spanish politics.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of these revelations in connection with its monitoring of the rule of law in Spain?
2. Does the Commission consider that, if illegal funding of the PSOE's campaign is proven, the political legitimacy of the European officials who benefited from it would be compromised, including the credibility of the Commission's own Executive Vice-President?
3. If the allegations under investigation are confirmed, is there a risk that, in accordance with Regulation 2020/2092, disbursements of EU funding to Spain may be suspended?

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¹ <https://theobjective.com/espana/tribunales/2026-09-25/denunciante-leire-ue-sanchez-desvio-fondos/>.

² <https://www.rtve.es/noticias/20260924/fiscalia-europea-solicita-informacion-sobre-caso-leire-por-si-hubo-pagos-perjudicaron-a-intereses-union/17239054.shtml>.