

**Question for written answer E-004051/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Possible impact on the EU's financial interests in relation to the 2024 European elections

On 24 September 2026, a report by the Central Operating Unit of Spain's Guardia Civil was incorporated into the National High Court case concerning an alleged plot within the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) aimed at interfering in judicial proceedings affecting the PSOE and the Spanish Government. The report mentions a payment of EUR 14 980 plus VAT to a digital media outlet, officially for advertising as part of the PSOE's 2024 European Parliament election campaign, but the investigators suspect that it was used to finance activities related to the plot.

The European Public Prosecutor's Office has approached Spain's judicial authorities to gather information and determine whether there are any EU funds affected by the possible misuse.

In view of the possible impact on the EU's financial interests:

1. Is the Commission aware of these circumstances and the actions taken by the European Public Prosecutor's Office?
2. What mechanisms can the Commission activate to protect the EU's financial interests and ensure that the amounts misused are recovered and the measures applicable to such cases are applied?

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