

**Question for written answer E-004103/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Oversight of funds from the EU loan to Ukraine and consistency with the planned anti-corruption strategy

The Commission has announced that it will submit an anti-corruption strategy to protect the Union's financial interests by the end of 2026¹. At the same time, the Union is granting Ukraine a EUR-90-billion loan, of which over 28 billion is earmarked with defence without any preconditions to undertake reforms. The funds continue to flow into a country which is having significant trouble stemming corruption. In May 2026 for instance, the Ukrainian National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) brought money-laundering charges against the former head of the Presidential Office². In August 2026, it further uncovered an alleged criminal network said to include members of parliament and officials from the Presidential Office³. Rather than engaging in any reforms, the relevant committee of the Ukrainian parliament subsequently recommended leaving several anti-corruption bills off the agenda⁴.

In its answer to written question P-000015/2026⁵, the Council stated that Ukraine should set up a separate account, and that monitoring requirements would be included in the relevant agreement.

1. What binding oversight and claw-back conditions apply to the loan, including the defence funds?
2. Does the Commission also intend to make disbursements from the defence component contingent upon progress in the fight against corruption, in particular adoption of the postponed legislation?
3. Will the planned anti-corruption strategy also apply to EU funding for third countries and candidate countries, and if not, why not?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/democracy-eu-citizenship-anti-corruption/anti-corruption/eu-anti-corruption-strategy_en?prefLang=de.

² <https://www.occrp.org/en/news/former-ukrainian-presidential-aide-implicated-in-money-laundering-probe>.

³ <https://www.euronews.com/2026/08/19/ukraine-anti-corruption-investigators-search-premises-of-senior-zelenskyy-official>.

⁴ <https://censor.net/en/news/4019186/rada-blocks-anti-corruption-bills-tied-to-eur-2bn-in-aid>.

⁵ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-000015-ASW_EN.html.