

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002878/24
to the Commission
Moritz Körner (Renew)
(12 December 2024)**

Subject: Meetings between Ursula von der Leyen and Friedrich Merz

How many times has Ursula von der Leyen met with Friedrich Merz since 2019?

The Commission is asked to give the exact number and not to refer to a database that lists only the official bilateral meetings between Ms von der Leyen and Friedrich Merz and excludes those taking place on the fringes of events or at private gatherings.

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(22 April 2025)**

The Commission publishes information on meetings held by President von der Leyen with, among others, political leaders on the President's online public calendar ⁽¹⁾ or through other channels of communication including press releases and social media.

In addition, the Commission publishes information on all meetings held by Members of the College and their Cabinets with interest representatives in accordance with Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3081 ⁽²⁾.

Meetings with representatives of political parties as well as meetings of a purely private or social character are not covered by publication rules set out in the said Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Calendar items of the President and Commissioners — European Commission https://commission.europa.eu/about/organisation/college-commissioners/calendar-items-president-and-commissioners_en?f%5B0%5D=commissioner_dynamic_commissioner_dynamic%3Ahttp%3A/publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/political-leader/COM_00006A0440FF

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3081 of 4 December 2024 on transparency measures concerning meetings held between Members of the Commission and interest representatives, and repealing Decision 2014/839/EU, Euratom (OJ L, 2024/3081, 5.12.2024).