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Question for written answer E-000544/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Draghi Report: cost, contract award and transparency

In her State of the Union address on 13 September 2023, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen gave advance notice of a report by former ECB President Mario Draghi. Ursula von der Leyen received the EU-funded report on the future of European competitiveness, requested by the Commission, on 9 September 2024. The report's proposal that EUR 750 million in new common debt be taken on runs counter runs counter to the spirit of the EU Treaties and amounts to a communist wealth distribution programme at the expense of the few remaining net contributing countries. What is more, many questions remain unanswered regarding the transparent use of taxpayers' money.

1. What was the total cost of producing the Draghi Report, and what remuneration did Mario Draghi personally receive?

2. What selection criteria were applied when awarding the contract to produce the report, and how many others did Mario Draghi compete with and ultimately beat?

3. Are there plans for the Commission to award further contracts for reports or analyses to experts with similar links to the Commission?

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Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(25 June 2025)

1. The Commission appointed Mr Draghi as unpaid Special Adviser to President of the Commission from 3 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 to draft a report on the future of European competitiveness.

2. M. Draghi was not awarded a contract but appointed to the position of unpaid Special Adviser. This is therefore not a process that involves competitive bidding. The President of the Commission appointed him to draft the report based on his very deep and wide-ranging experience.

3. The Commission, at this stage, cannot provide with further information on possible future contracts for reports or analyses to experts that will be commissioned during this mandate.