

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001109/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(14 March 2025)**

Subject: Measures relating to insider trading by Commission staff

In light of the talks on the massive increase in defence spending, including the EUR 800 billion defence package, as well as corruption investigations in the European Parliament, there are concerns with regard to conflicts of interest in the EU institutions and insider trading.

1. What specific measures is the Commission taking to prevent private share transactions by its employees that could potentially be made on the basis of inside information?
2. Does the Commission consider it necessary to adopt more far-reaching regulations or to tighten up existing rules?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission enforces strict rules to prevent conflicts of interest, requiring staff to report any conflict of interest that may impair their independence, including those related to private financial transactions. Additionally, EU and national law prohibiting insider trading apply to EU staff.

The Commission believes the existing rules are sufficient but invests in awareness and training for staff, ensuring they understand and comply with their obligations.

The Investigation and Disciplinary Office of the Commission is competent to investigate any breach of the rules applicable to the Commission staff.

Investigations may also be carried out by the European Anti-Fraud Office in case of serious misconduct by staff and by the national instances.
