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The Authority for European Political Parties and Foundations is the independent body responsible for monitoring the compliance of European Political Parties and Foundations with Regulation No 1141/2014. Not national parties.

The Commission is aware of media reports concerning the allegations referred to in this question. However, under the EU Treaties, the Commission has no general powers to examine how individual cases are investigated by the authorities of a Member State, as specific cases fall under the responsibility of the competent authorities of each Member State. The Commission monitors significant developments concerning the rule of law in Member States, including the anti-corruption framework, in the context of the annual Rule of Law Report.

In December 2023, the Commission published a Recommendation on inclusive and resilient elections¹ addressed to Member States, political parties, political foundations and campaign organisations. That Recommendation promotes high democratic standards for elections in the EU, including measures regarding funding of political parties and encouraging election integrity and fair campaigning. The Commission is preparing the European Democracy Shield, which will provide a strategic approach to safeguard and strengthen democracy in the EU. In this context the Commission will also continue to support Member States to strengthen the fairness and integrity of electoral processes, including through the European Cooperation Network on Elections.

¹ C/2023/8626.