

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001836/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(7 May 2025)**

Subject: Use of the Commission President's X account for party political activities

In the Commission's view, is it permissible for Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to regularly advertise party political activities (e.g. during the election campaign as the EPP's lead candidate) on her Commission President X account? Are Commission staff involved in this work ⁽¹⁾?

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

The official social media accounts of the President of the Commission were not used to promote the campaign as the lead candidate for the European People's Party (EPP).

In the role as lead candidate for the EPP, separate social media accounts were used that were managed by the party and no Commission human or material resources were used for the 2024 campaign.

This was in conformity with the applicable rules ⁽¹⁾ and the requirement that members of the College of Commissioners 'ensure that a distinction can be made between their public statements and interventions as participants in the campaign and those made in an institutional capacity'.

Before the 2024 campaign and since the re-election, party events are attended in the capacity of President of the Commission. As laid out in Article 10(1) of the Code of Conduct ⁽²⁾, members of the College of Commissioners may 'participate in European politics as members of European political parties or organisations of the social partners at European level provided that this does not compromise their availability for service in the Commission and the priority to be given to their Commission duties over party commitment'.

¹ Reference: <https://x.com/vonderleyen/status/1917275143082225873>

⁽¹⁾ Guidelines on ethical standards for the participation of the Members of the European Commission in the election campaign to the European Parliament, 24 January 2024, P(2024)2, https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/777395ce-2b48-4286-ad57-dfd1e2245940_en.

⁽²⁾ Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission of 31 January 2018, 2018/C 65/06, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221(02)).