

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003234/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(13 August 2025)**

Subject: Use of social media by the Commission

In a written answer to my parliamentary question ⁽¹⁾, the Commission stated that the President of the Commission is permitted to attend party conferences, and that a strict separation between her accounts as European People's Party (EPP) lead candidate and as President of the Commission applies during election campaigns. However, she used her official account not only to promote her own speeches at EPP party conferences, but also to write, for example, the following:

‘Great meeting with @donaltdusk at the @EPP congress in Rotterdam. Dear Donald, you embody our values. Now you return to your home country to stand up for them. Many thanks for your tireless work as EPP President. #EPPRotterdam.’ ⁽²⁾

Did Ursula von der Leyen use Commission resources, such as staff, for this post, and how does the Commission evaluate the use of its official social media channels to promote the EPP and its values?

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

As laid out in Article 10(1) of the Code of Conduct ⁽¹⁾, 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’.

The post was published during the 2022 European People's Party (EPP) Congress in Rotterdam. The President attended the meeting in her capacity as President of the Commission and congratulated a fellow European leader.

The Guidelines on ethical standards for the participation of the Members of the Commission in the election campaign to the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ were adopted in January 2024 and implemented for the European Parliament elections in June 2024.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001836_EN.html.

² <https://x.com/vonderleyen/status/1531902533588983808?s=46>.

⁽¹⁾ 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)).

⁽²⁾ Guidelines on ethical standards for the participation of the Members of the European Commission in the election campaign to the European Parliament, 24.1.2024, https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2024-01/participation-of-ec-members-in-ep-election-campaign-guidelines_en_1.pdf.