

**Question for written answer E-015920/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revolving doors for ex-commissioners

One in three ex-commissioners who left office in 2014 have gone through the 'revolving door' into roles in the private sector, which points to a dangerous relationship between the EU executive and big corporations and leaves the door open to potential conflicts of interest. One ex-commissioner is now sitting on the board of a mining company, another is a member of a global media giant and others are shareholders of asset management firms, for example.

When and how does the Commission envisage amending the current Code of Conduct for Commissioners in order to resolve this revolving door problem by explicitly prohibiting all former commissioners from accepting jobs which present a conflict of interest with their former roles as EU commissioners?

Why doesn't the Commission include a clear and comprehensive definition of 'conflict of interest' in its Code of Conduct?

Why is only direct lobbying prohibited, and why doesn't the ban also cover indirect lobbying?