

Question for written answer E-015526/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Conflict of interest vis-à-vis Commission staff serving in the Romanian Government

In the light of:

- The creation of a new Government in Romania, with Mr Dacian Cioloş as Prime Minister,
- The fact that a significant number of the councillors and secretaries under the new Ministers, as well as some Ministers, were, until the appointment of the new Romanian Government, civil servants in the European Commission and other EU institutions,
- The fact that many of these civil servants have taken a leave of absence from their posts, without ceasing their work for the EU institutions,
- The codes and regulations imposed on EU civil servants, requiring them to uphold certain standards while in office,
- The fact that, in their new functions, these EU civil servants will in fact be representing the interests of the Romanian Government, potentially raising conflicts of interest,

I ask the Commission President the following:

1. What is the Commission doing to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest vis-à-vis its Romanian officials who are at the same time working for a national government, often on the same dossiers?
2. What disciplinary actions are being prepared by the Commission in order to safeguard the impartiality of its staff?