

**Question for written answer E-000018/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Daphne Caruana Galizia and EU funds for Electrogas

Maltese writer, investigative journalist and anti-corruption activist Daphne Caruana Galizia was killed on 16 October 2017. Today, according to press reports, the man on trial for her murder, Yorgen Fenech, stands to benefit from EU funds that will finance a Maltese gas pipeline to supply a power station in which he is a shareholder. Before she was murdered, the journalist was investigating this very power station. Some sources say this investigative work was the main reason she was killed. To use the words of her son Matthew Caruana Galizia, this situation is simply 'unacceptable'. The European Union has repeatedly praised Daphne Caruana Galizia and even set up a journalism prize in her name. Indirectly allocating EU funds to the man accused of her murder would be at odds with this and disrespectful to her memory.

In the light of the above:

What action will the Commission take to make sure that no EU funds are allocated to anyone directly or indirectly linked to the murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia?