

**Question for written answer E-001339/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Politicisation of the allocation of EU funding under the 'Centre Region' (Romania) Programme 2021-2027

Politicisation of the allocation of EU funding can lead to an unfair distribution of resources, favouring certain groups or regions based on their political affiliations to the detriment of real needs and objective criteria. The risks associated with this include the erosion of public trust in EU and national institutions, inefficient use of EU funds and the slowing of economic and social progress.

In the period 2021-2027, the European Regional Development Funds available to Alba County are being managed by the Centre Regional Development Agency (ADR Centru) as the Managing Authority (MA) for the Centre Region Programme (PR Centru). The Director-General of ADR Centru has been in his post since 2005, while also holding the post of First Vice-President of the National Liberal Party (PNL) in Alba County and of acting President of the PNL in Alba Iulia municipality.

Given these circumstances:

1. Has the Commission assessed, as part of the MA accreditation process, or independently of this, any political incompatibilities or conflicts of interest as regards the management of the Centre Regional Development Agency?
2. What measures has the Commission taken to ensure there is no risk of politicisation as regards allocation of EU funding under the Centre Region Programme?

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