

**Priority question for written answer P-002355/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Strengthening the rule of law in the EU

In light of the increasing threats to the rule of law across certain Member States, I would like to address the following questions to the Commission:

1. Does the Commission intend to propose an extension of the current conditionality regime, as outlined in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092, to cover breaches that do not directly impact the Union budget, but still undermine the functioning of EU institutions and the internal market?
2. What is the Commission's stance on creating a 'wise persons group' to monitor rule of law violations? Such an expert group would provide ongoing assessments, early warnings, and recommendations to support timely Commission interventions, helping to prevent minor violations from becoming systemic.
3. Considering recent case-law of the Court of Justice of the EU, such as the Sped-Pro case (T-791/19), does the Commission plan to introduce new mechanisms to safeguard the EU internal market and mutual trust principles from being undermined by Member States with systemic rule of law violations?

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