

**Priority question for written answer P-002983/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Alleged substantive pledges and promised cabinet positions from the Commission to the European Greens

In his podcast of 11 December 2024, MEP and co-chair of the Green Group, Bas Eickhout, claims that in exchange for a vote in favour of the College of Commissioners, he was given ‘substantive pledges’ and promised ‘places in the cabinets, so we also get some political positions’<sup>1</sup>. Mr Eickhout claims that the Commission President promised ‘to deliver on all points’.

If Mr Bas Eickhout’s claims are accurate, this practice would not appear to be in line with Article 245 TFEU, which clearly states that Commissioners undertake to respect their independence and avoid influence. Moreover, in their oath, Commissioners solemnly declare to be completely independent in carrying out their responsibilities and neither to seek nor to take instructions from any government or from any other institution, body, office or entity in the performance of their tasks<sup>2</sup>.

1. Are Mr Bas Eickhout’s claims true?
2. What concrete substantive commitments were made to the Greens exactly?
3. Which concrete cabinet positions were promised and allocated to the Greens?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://podcasts.apple.com/be/podcast/frankrijk-en-duitsland-stuurloos-wie-neemt-de/id1449821985?i=1000680020503>, vanaf minuut 25.

<sup>2</sup> <http://en.euabc.com/word/2117>