

Dear President,
Dear Roberta,

The European Parliament has been a strong advocate for the establishment of an Ethics Body within the EU institutions since [September 2021](#) with genuine investigative powers and a structure designed to meet its purpose. This call was reiterated in [December 2022](#), following allegations of corruption involving both former and current MEPs and staff, alongside a broader push for internal reforms aimed at strengthening integrity, transparency, and accountability.

This initiative became a fruition in May 2024, when all participating institutions, including the European Parliament signed the Agreement during a joint public ceremony. The European Parliament played a crucial role in this milestone. Since then, all signatory institutions have been bound by the Agreement. The tireless efforts of the European Parliament in championing transparency were instrumental in establishing the Ethics Body, which now has the authority to address individual cases.

To support the effective implementation of the Agreement the AFCO Committee has been working on amendments to our Rules of Procedures since the beginning of the current term. However, we feel the need to raise a matter of concern, which is that some EPP Members of the AFCO Committee have publicly called for the European Parliament to withdraw from the Ethics Body Agreement.

This stance by the EPP not only jeopardizes the commitment made by our Institution, but also undermines our joint efforts to strengthen integrity, transparency, and accountability in the European Parliament. The other EU Institutions participating in the Ethics Body are also closely observing our actions. At a time when new allegations of corruption are coming to light, the situation described is particularly troubling.

As President and representing the European Parliament's ambition and strong commitment to the Agreement, we trust you will take the necessary steps to ensure that our Institution fully upholds its commitments without delay. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

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