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## MEPs' fact-finding mission to Czech Republic on conflicts of interest - quote from Daniel Freund MEP

### Czech Republic

Today, a European Parliament fact-finding mission on conflicts of interest in the Czech Republic with Members of the Budgetary Control Committee has just ended. **Daniel Freund MEP**, Greens/EFA Member of the Budgetary Control Committee who was part of the fact-finding mission on conflicts of interest in the Czech Republic, comments:

*"It is disappointing that Prime Minister Babiš and his agriculture minister refused to answer questions on their alleged conflicts of interest from MEPs. Our suspicion of the existence of a conflict of interest has been further substantiated during this mission."*

*"If the Commission audit confirms a conflict of interest at the highest level of government of a member state, then this cannot be tolerated. EU countries must not allow such a conflict at the European Council negotiation table, especially when it comes to distributing EU funds that may personally benefit an individual sitting round that table."*

*"What citizens, NGOs, journalists and farmers have told us, points to a systemic failure to properly allocate EU funds under existing rules. We need an anti-Oligarch rule for EU funds. European money must be for the benefit of citizens, not a few Oligarchs. The EU must defend itself against the looting of its funds by oligarchs and corrupt governments."*

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