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Czech PM Andrej Babiš and potential conflict of interest

Quote from Philippe Lamberts

On the news that **Transparency International Czech Republic** has complained to the European Commission about potential conflict of interest surrounding **Czech PM Andrej Babiš** and his personal business dealings, **Philippe Lamberts** President of the **Greens/EFA group** in the European Parliament comments:

EN: *"If Andrej Babiš is indeed the ultimate beneficial owner of a company receiving large amounts of EU funds, or if he personally benefits from them, then he must step aside from his job as Prime Minister. Babiš certainly shouldn't be part of the discussions on deciding the future EU budget if some of it will end up in his own pockets. The European Commission should investigate the matter and make sure that all decision-making around the future EU budget is free from any conflicts of interest."*

CZ: *"Pokud Andrej Babiš opravdu zůstává skutečným majitelem obchodní společnosti, která získává vysoké částky z fondů EU, nebo z ní má nadále osobní prospěch, musí skončit v funkci předsedy vlády. Babiš by se jednoznačně neměl účastnit debat a rozhodování o budoucím evropském rozpočtu, pokud by měla jeho část skončit v jeho vlastní kapse. Evropská komise by měla tuto věc vyšetřit a zajistit, že všechny rozhodovací procesy okolo budoucího rozpočtu EU proběhnou bez střetu zájmů. "*

The Greens/EFA group will send a formal request to the European Commission to investigate the matter further.

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