
EU TRANSPARENCY WATCHDOG URGES PARLIAMENT TO DELIVER ON POST-QATARGATE REFORMS

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EU Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly called upon the European Parliament president to deliver on transparency reforms she promised after the so-called Qatargate corruption scandal broke late last year.

The ombudsman urged Parliament President Roberta Metsola to resist pressure from lawmakers and implement the 14 reform proposals that were floated in the wake of the alleged cash-for-influence scandal, in which European lawmakers were accused of taking bribes from foreign countries including Qatar and Morocco.

Parliamentary political groups backed these proposals in February and they are in the process of being adopted by the EU's assembly, Metsola wrote in a letter to O'Reilly dated March 20.

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