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## THE QATARGATE FILES: HUNDREDS OF LEAKED DOCUMENTS REVEAL SCALE OF EU CORRUPTION SCANDAL

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*Evidence from the European Parliament's graft investigation provides a record of more than 300 alleged attempts to manipulate EU democracy.*

A vast cache of leaked documents from the police investigation into the biggest corruption case to hit the EU in decades □ seen by POLITICO □ uncovers the full extent of the European Parliaments money-for-influence scandal.

Over four years the files suggest that key suspects, including former Member of the European Parliament Pier Antonio Panzeri and his aide Francesco Giorgi, meticulously recorded alleged attempts to manipulate the Parliament, the EUs foremost democratic body, and wider policy debates.

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