

To: The Honorable Members of the European Parliament from the Republic of Lithuania  
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European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels, Belgium  
Date: May 4, 2026

Subject: Request for inquiry regarding the transparency and use of EU funds

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

The European Commission has repeatedly stated that since 2020, it has allocated 200 million euros to support Belarus. However, the evaluation of the efficiency and transparency of the distribution of these funds raises serious questions. Numerous examples of mismanagement have emerged; for instance, it recently became public knowledge that the former speaker of the so-called Coordination Council of Belarus, created at the initiative of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, misappropriated 200,000 euros, returned to Minsk, and purchased luxury apartments.

We respectfully request that you consider the following information and, if appropriate, assess whether there are any grounds for a review within the European Parliament, as well as by OLAF, the Prosecutor General's Office of Lithuania, and the Financial Crime Investigation Service of Lithuania.

The matter concerns a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania, Mr. Dainius Žalimas, who previously served as President of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania (2014–2021) and subsequently established and headed the organization "Law and Democracy Center" (*Viešoji įstaiga "Teisės ir demokratijos centras"*, code 305826606). According to publicly available information:

- the organization was established after the completion of his tenure at the Constitutional Court and was led by him;
- annual income of EUR 26,185 related to this activity has been declared;
- the stated activities of the organization included legal assistance and expert work related to human rights issues in Belarus;
- the organization reportedly had only one employee;
- available information suggests that the total volume of grant funding may have amounted to approximately EUR 200,000;
- at present, the organization's website is no longer accessible, which complicates the verification of its activities and results.

The declared annual income of EUR 26,185 from this organization suggests a high level of personal involvement in its daily operations. However, there are no visible, tangible results of such activity. As active participants in various events and initiatives related to the Belarusian democratic movement, we have no record of any significant activity by this organization, nor are we aware of any tangible assistance provided to victims of political repression in Belarus. Furthermore, we question the justification for the significant costs reportedly associated with constitutional discussions for Belarus, given that implementing such academic developments in the current political climate is practically impossible. This raises serious concerns as to whether the organization's actual contribution matches the amounts stated in its reports, or whether these activities were merely an imitation of work.

Given that a relatively significant level of funding appears to have been managed within a very limited organizational structure, this situation may raise questions regarding the proportionality of resources and outcomes, and may be of public interest in terms of transparency and accountability. In particular, we kindly request clarification on the following points:

- whether the allocated funds intended to support democracy and human rights in Belarus were in fact used for their stated purposes;
- what concrete, measurable results were achieved through the use of these funds, and how they contributed to the declared objectives;
- whether there are sufficient grounds to verify that the funds were used efficiently, proportionately, and in accordance with applicable legal and financial regulations;
- and, if any misuse, misallocation, or use of funds for personal enrichment were to be identified, whether there are legal mechanisms to ensure their full recovery.

We emphasize that this request is submitted solely in the interest of transparency and does not contain any direct allegations of wrongdoing, but rather seeks clarification of matters of public concern.

We believe it is unconscionable for any organization or individual to profit from the suffering of the Belarusian people caused by repression. We consider it essential that the public in Lithuania, the EU, and Belarus be fully informed about all projects financed by these funds, with transparent results and an objective assessment of their effectiveness. We believe that all funds obtained through the imitation of activity and the submission of fictitious reports must be returned to the budgets of the granting organizations.

In light of the above, we kindly request:

- To initiate a parliamentary inquiry regarding this episode to establish all circumstances of the organization's activities.
- To submit formal requests to the relevant authorities aimed at conducting a thorough investigation into the efficiency of the use of these funds.

We remain available to provide any additional information or sources upon request.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Valery Tsepkalo  
Chairman of the Board, Belarus Democratic Forum

Dmitry Bolkunets  
Secretary General, Belarus Democratic Forum

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PURSUANT TO ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REGARDING INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE END OF THE FIRST PART-SESSION AFTER ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING UP OFFICE WITH THE PARLIAMENT IN THE COURSE OF A PARLIAMENTARY TERM AND BY THE END OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING EACH CHANGE OCCURRING.

**Surname:** ŽALIMAS

**First name:** Dainius

I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full knowledge of the Rules of Procedure including the Code of Conduct for Members annexed thereto,

hereby declare:

(A) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(a) of the Code of Conduct, I declare my occupation(s) during the three-year period before I took up office with the Parliament, and membership, during that period, of any boards or committees of companies, non-governmental organisations, associations or other bodies established in law:" (A previous mandate as MEP will only need to be declared without the specification of the income amount, as this is public information)

Occupation or Membership	Generated income or other benefits			
	None	Income amount	Nature of the benefit (if it doesn't generate income)	Periodicity
1. President of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania (until 8 June 2021)		78950 EUR		Yearly
2. Professor at Mykolas Romeris University (until 29 June 2024)		16240 EUR		Yearly
3. Dean at Faculty of Law at Vytautas Magnus University (until 15 July 2024)		85825 EUR		Yearly
4. Head of Law and Democracy Center in Lithuania (until 15 July 2024)		26185 EUR		Yearly

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II.	FINANSAVIMO PAJAMOS		101435	99474
III.	BENDRASIS PELNAS (NUOSTOLIAI)			
IV.	VEIKLOS SĄNAUDOS		77799	90840
V.	TIPINĖS VEIKLOS PELNAS (NUOSTOLIAI)		0	0
VI.	KITA VEIKLA			
VII.	FINANSINĖ IR INVESTICINĖ VEIKLA			
VIII.	IPRASTINĖS VEIKLOS PELNAS (NUOSTOLIAI)		0	0
IX.	PAGAUTĖ			
X.	NETEKIMAI			
XI.	PELNAS (NUOSTOLIAI) PRIEŠ APMOKESTINIMĄ			0
XII.	PELNO MOKESTIS		0	
XIII.	GRYNASIS PELNAS (NUOSTOLIAI)		0	0

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