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## Recently appointed Secretary General of European Parliament met with Qatari authorities this year

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Information discovered online ([1](#), [2](#) – screenshots below) by Transparency International EU shows that the newly appointed Secretary-General of the European Parliament and former Head of Cabinet to President Metsola, Mr. Chiocchetti, had at least two meetings with the Qatari authorities earlier this year. TI EU and the Good Lobby have already [called](#) for his appointment to be rescinded after a backroom deal was made.

Below is our response. The Good Lobby, with whom we're collaborating on this issue, has also issued a statement.

### Transparency International EU statement:

“The evidence uncovered by Transparency International EU today suggests that Mr. Chiocchetti met with the Qatari authorities on at least two occasions earlier this year. We also know that Ms. Kaili broke from the Socialist group line to vote for his appointment in a sordid backroom deal between political groups concluded over the summer.

Transparency International EU wrote to the Parliament's ruling body, the Bureau, on two occasions this year: first to ask them not to go ahead with the appointment, and then, together with The Good Lobby, to ask them to rescind it. The response was a dismissive [letter](#) from President Metsola.

In the light of the current corruption scandal, the information identified today means that the appointment must be reversed immediately, as a precautionary measure, and as previously called for by Transparency International EU and The Good Lobby, and, as part of their ongoing investigation, the authorities must consider whether there has been foul play in the Bureau's decision.

*Michiel van Hulten, Director of Transparency International EU*

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HE Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al-Malki, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the EU & NATO, met with HE Mr. Alessandro Chiochetti, Head of Cabinet of @EP\_President, where they discussed the Qatari-European bilateral relations and ways to enhance and develop them.



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## Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sends Message to European Parliament President

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HE President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola received a written message from HE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, pertaining to the bilateral relations and ways of enhancing and developing them.

The message was handed over by HE Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Malki, during his meeting today with HE Head of the Cabinet of the President of the European Parliament Alessandro Chiocchetti.

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