



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EU ETHICS BODY PUT TO THE TEST OF QATARGATE

The article points out that there is still a growing need to respect the principles of honesty, good administration and transparency provided by primary European Union law despite its ethical frameworks that are generally considered adequate and certainly more complete than those of most Member States, especially following the recent Qatargate scandal.

Starting from this general consideration, the paper in particular analyses the establishment of an independent EU Ethics Body, as set out in the European Parliament resolution of 16 September 2021, and the subsequent resolution of 16 February 2023.

In this context, it highlights the overriding need for the EU to strengthen and take complete control of "corrupters" and lobbies operating mainly from Third Countries through the reform, which are currently not adequately regulated. The adoption of more effective control and sanction instruments is also highlighted.