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Subject: Potential conflict of interest of the Commission President

The husband of current Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is the medical director of Orgenesis Inc., a company that collaborates with Pfizer-Biontech and is directly involved in the development of gene therapies, in particular messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) vaccines. It also has dealings with consortia that have participated in and won tenders for recovery funds for research and development in at least two Member States. The Commission President has a prominent role in managing relations with pharmaceutical companies and in managing European funds for researching and developing gene therapies. Her husband derives appreciable economic benefit from the way in which her top position in the EU influences his business¹².

Given the foregoing, how does the Commission intend to resolve this serious conflict of interest?

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¹ <https://www.francesoir.fr/politique/ursula-et-heiko-von-der-leyen-conflits-d-interets-au-minimum>

² <https://www.newsbreak.gr/politiki/382589/proika-apo-to-maximoy-ston-syzygo-tis-oyrsoyla/>