

Question for written answer E-000208/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Contact between high-ranking EU representatives and George Soros (II)

In its 12 January 2019 edition, the Hungarian daily *Magyar Idők* reported extensively on continuing, intensive dealings between major speculator and 'philanthropist' George Soros and representatives of his organisations and leading EU politicians.

It stated that 12 European Parliament-accredited lobbyists from Soros's Open Society European Policy Institute (OSEPI) had met with members of the LIBE Committee 52 times and that George Soros himself has attended more than 20 meetings with members of the Commission in an official capacity since Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker took office in 2014.

Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans also met Soros and representatives of his network in September 2015 in New York, and a meeting with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker took place in Brussels in April 2017. Another politically important figure involved was the Commissioner responsible for migration, Dimitris Avramopoulos, who is said to have held negotiations with Soros lobbyists in June and November 2015.

1. In addition to the above, have other meetings been held between George Soros and/or representatives of his organisations and representatives of the EU institutions? When and where did these meetings take place, and what exactly was discussed?
2. Where can records of the discussions between EU officials and George Soros and/or representatives of his organisations be obtained, in keeping with the relevant transparency requirement?