

**Question for written answer E-001267/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financing of studies in the transport sector

Under the call for proposals (VP/2016/002) on 'Information and training measures for workers' organisations', the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) was awarded a grant of EUR 329 159.60 for the project entitled 'Building the future of the road sector – transport workers getting involved'. One outcome was a study entitled 'Driven to Distraction? Bus and Coach Drivers in the EU', which was repeatedly referred to in the legislative process for the mobility package.

1. How does the Commission ensure that studies funded by it which are conducted by NGOs such as the ETF are drawn up in a way which is scientifically sound and non-partisan, particularly when they are then referred to in the legislative process?
2. Is it possible to reduce or withdraw funding if the work of NGOs which have received grants is found to contravene scientific standards and might as a result have a distorting effect?
3. How does the Commission ensure that NGOs receiving grants give a balanced representation of different political spectrums and thus do not influence the legislative process in a one-sided way?