

**Question for written answer E-000525/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: ILGA-Europe (International Lesbian and Gay Association) funding

According to information published by the organisation ILGA-Europe (International Lesbian and Gay Association) on its own website, its forecast budget for 2011 was EUR 1 824 000, EUR 1 252 600 (i.e. 67.7 %) of which consisted in grants received from the European Commission and a further EUR 50 000 of which was granted by the Dutch Government, bringing the share of public money in ILGA-Europe's budget to more than 70 %.

Was the Commission aware of the figures mentioned above?

Given the proportion of its own contribution to financing ILGA-Europe, does the Commission believe that ILGA-Europe can be described as a 'non-governmental organisation' or as part of 'civil society'?