

**Question for written answer E-000529/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: ILGA funding

Is the Commission aware that of the remaining EUR 521 400 in ILGA's budget, EUR 402 400 were donated by three wealthy individuals (George Soros/OSI, Sigrid Rausing and an anonymous donor)?

Does the Commission know of any significant contribution to ILGA's budget being made by those whom the organisation claims to represent, i.e. gay and lesbian persons?

Also, how does the Commission view the influence that wealthy individuals may exert over the NGOs they are subsidising?

Is there a risk that persons such as George Soros could 'buy' themselves one or more NGOs that are economically dependent on their donations?

How does the Commission view the impact of this particular type of 'philanthropy' on democracy?