

**Question for written answer E-012610/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU grants for non-governmental organisations (NGOs)

What is the total amount of funding paid to 'Friends of the Earth Europe' by the following EU agencies: Commission Directorate-General (DG) for the Environment; DG for International Cooperation and Development - Europe Aid; DG for Agriculture and Rural Development; DG for Education and Culture; other EU funds or institutions?

A total of 86 % of EU grants go to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with headquarters in Brussels, and those grants received are on average twice as large as the total average outside of Brussels across Member States. What liabilities or responsibilities do recipients have to the EU, and how is EU policy-making enhanced or compromised by such funding?

In what ways do EU funding policy aims make NGOs shift their emphasis away from their original goals to the goals of the Commission, and does such EU funding require changes in the aims of these organisations?