

Question for written answer E-007472/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Commissioner Georgieva and funding for George Soros's foundation

The Bulgarian Government has officially nominated Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva as its candidate for the post of UN Secretary-General, in what has been an unusual move, as governments rarely decide to switch candidates at the eleventh hour.

A large number of European countries have apparently said they will support Ms Georgieva's candidacy. However, the fact that George Soros and his Open Society foundation are said also to be supporting Ms Georgieva must be viewed as a matter of concern, in particular as Mr Soros has voiced his support and liking for her on several occasions in the past and she has received an award from his foundation.

Given that Ms Georgieva is the Commissioner with responsibility for the EU budget, it would be interesting to see whether she has any links with Mr Soros's Open Society foundation.

Can the Commission provide a list of EU grants received by Open Society since Ms Georgieva took office in November 2014?