

**Question for written answer E-002136/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Activities carried out by NGOs that have received European funding

Non-governmental organisations can receive grants for projects from the EU through financing granted to each Member State by the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund of the European Union, while, respectively, the financing is made under the rules stipulated in the national operative programmes of each Member State. Yet NGOs can receive funding for projects under European Commission programmes in various social areas. The EU has no consistent funding policy regarding NGOs operating at European level. The matter is set out in different ways within the various programmes.

In this regard, is there a mechanism by which the Commission can monitor the activities carried out by NGOs that have received funding under the European Commission programmes? Is there a practice for the Commission to keep records on the activities of NGOs operating at European level, as well as whether they carry out the activities on the territory where they have been registered?