

**Question for written answer E-002303/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: NGOs – classification according to independence and commitment

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) exert a powerful influence on government action. They even try to make their influence count at EU level. And some have very close relationships with governments.

Does the Commission still classify NGOs which – as is the norm in Germany – are subsidised by government-approved tax revenue and are therefore dependent on government favour as NGOs, or does it consider them to be organisations which are close to the government?

What is the Commission's assessment of the role of NGOs in the conflict over the border between Greece and Turkey? What role do they play in the context of the migratory pressure exerted there by asylum-seekers?