

**Question for written answer E-003312/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency regarding European funding for non-governmental organisations

Countless non-governmental organisations are supported by EU funding programmes. According to a 2018 Court of Auditors report, the Commission provides about 1.7 % of the EU budget to NGOs, although there is no definition of an NGO which is recognised Europe-wide. This renders the follow-up of EU-funded projects associated with such organisations more difficult and opaque.

1. How and at what intervals does the Commission verify whether the activities of NGOs receiving European funds are in line with the values and objectives of the EU?
2. To what extent has the Commission implemented the recommendations of the European Court of Auditors contained in the 2018 special report No. 35 in relation to the transparency of accounting systems, sub-granting by NGOs and a uniform approach to publishing details concerning the use of EU funds?
3. How and at what intervals does the Commission review the use made by NGOs of the funding provided, and is this accessible to EU citizens in a transparent manner?