

**Question for written answer E-003313/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial support for the NGO BirdLife Europe

Stichting BirdLife Europe, a non-governmental organisation composed of environmental and bird protection organisations, published a position paper in November 2019 on the 'Biodiversity strategy for 2030' in which it is stated in writing that the position paper exclusively reflects the opinion of the Stichting BirdLife Europe and that the European Commission had provided financial support for its preparation. According to the European Union's Transparency Register, Stichting BirdLife Europe received a total of EUR 423 083 in funds from the European Commission.

1. Why did the Commission provide Stichting BirdLife Europe with financial support for the preparation of a position paper on the biodiversity strategy, if the whole contents of the position paper merely reflect the opinion of Stichting BirdLife Europe?
2. What services were provided through the Commission's financial support?
3. What direct added value does the subsidy to Stichting BirdLife Europe have for the citizens of the European Union and how is this added value demonstrated in a transparent and valid manner?