

**Question for written answer E-004063/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Criteria for the allocation of funding to international organisations and NGOs

Greece has been at the heart of managing the unprecedented migration flows that have hit Europe. The majority of EU funding under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund is allocated to a Member State's national authorities at the beginning of each long-term EU budget period. Since 2015 Greece has benefited from EUR 2.22 billion in EU support. A part of this financial assistance is awarded to international organisations and NGOs, in particular under the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI).

In the light of a number of cases of conflict of interest reported in the Greek press as regards some NGOs, the Commission is asked:

1. What is the selection process and the criteria for the allocation of funding to these international organisations and NGOs?
2. How does the EU monitor respect for EU public funding procedures from the moment funds are distributed to Member States, NGOs and other organisations and until they yield results?
3. How can the Commission conduct an impact assessment or correct the selection procedures in the light of constant accusations of mismanaged funds, including the recent example of MEPs/politicians profiting from business activities by receiving public funds to rent apartments to migrants through Greece's Emergency Support to Integration & Accommodation System (ESTIA) programme and other EU programmes?