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to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Anti-gender funding in the EU

Since 2009, more than USD 700 million has been spent in Europe on anti-gender activists campaigning against the rights of women and LGBTI people, according to research from the European Parliamentary Forum (EPF)\(^1\). USD 430 million came directly from European-based sources, USD 180 million from Russia and USD 80 million from the US. OpenDemocracy similarly found that 28 US anti-gender groups spent most of their money in Europe (nearly USD 90 million)\(^2\).

Anti-gender movements are producing concrete results that go against the EU’s fundamental values of equality, such as the near-total ban on abortion in Poland, bans on same-sex marriage and other national legislation that limit women’s and LGBTI rights.

In this light:

1. Is the Commission aware of anti-gender funding in Europe coming from both European-based and external sources?
2. What actions is it currently undertaking to prevent the funding of anti-gender activists that contradict European values?
3. How is it planning to ensure greater financial transparency of non-state activists in their interactions with the EU and, where possible, with Member States?

\(^1\) [https://www.epfweb.org/node/837](https://www.epfweb.org/node/837)