

Question for written answer E-005107/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: NGOs as beneficiaries of EU funds

According to Title VI of the Financial Regulation, in particular Article 154(3) and (4) and Article 156 thereof, when selecting the entities to be entrusted with the implementation of Union funds, the Commission must ensure compliance with the principle of sound financial management by assessing, among other things, their internal control and accounting systems, their transparency requirements and whether they are subject to independent external audit. However, it is not always clear which individuals or organisations are responsible for auditing NGOs. A number of NGOs pursue a distinct, often left-liberal or far-left, political agenda.

1. Does the Commission also check, for each NGO to which EU funds are entrusted, which persons or organisations are responsible for auditing the NGO concerned?
2. Has the Commission refused funds to NGOs on the basis of their political agenda?