

**Question for written answer E-000353/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject:     Contacts between Open Society European Policy Institute and the Commission

The NGO Open Society Foundations, registered in the transparency register as a lobby group under number 8557515321-37, declared that it spent almost 5 million in the EU in 2020 and appears to have been in contact 63 times (an average of 1.2 contacts per week!) with the Commission. The organisation itself states that this budget was spent, among other things, on advocacy in the following policy areas:

Borders and security

Climate action

Digital economy and society

Economy, finance and the euro

Education and training

Employment and social affairs

Energy

Enlargement

Environment

European Neighbourhood Policy

External relations

Foreign and security policy matters

International cooperation and development

Justice and fundamental rights

Migration and asylum

Health

Regional policy

Lobbying is generally defined as the systematic exertion of influence on policymakers in governing bodies at the initiative of the lobbyist. The influence of the globalist OSF is clearly visible in the evolution of the Commission's policy plans, which adversely affect the interests of Europe's citizens.

1. Which Commissioners are in contact with OSF?
2. OSF is an American NGO which has no democratic legitimacy within the EU. The influence of this NGO in the EU should be curbed as a matter of urgency. What concrete steps is the Commission taking to this end?

3. What specific steps is the Commission taking to prevent foreign influence via think tanks and NGOs in general?