

Question for written answer E-000601/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Political interference among the Member States

Article A of the Treaty on European Union of 1992 states that the task of the Union 'shall be to organise, in a manner demonstrating consistency and solidarity, relations between the Member States and between their peoples'. The Member States should therefore act as loyal partners.

It seems, however, that some Member States suffer from interference by other Member States, with the latter funding organisations that carry out activities for the benefit of the political opposition in the former.

This is the case, for example, with the Community of Sant'Egidio NGO, which promotes immigration to Poland and is, according to its 2020 activity report, funded by the Italian Development Cooperation Agency and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Belgium and Germany. According to the same document, the NGO is also funded by the European Union. The amounts in question do not appear in the Commission's Financial Transparency System.

Such state interference damages civil society and violates the founding principles of the European Union.

1. What action will the Commission take to prevent this kind of state interference and ensure compliance with the founding principles of the European Union?
2. Can the Commission confirm the payments that this NGO allegedly received from the European Union?