

**Question for written answer E-001380/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: On transparency regarding donations to political parties

In August 2021, WikiLeaks¹ unveiled that Vox is funded by Hazte Oír, an ultraconservative civil society organisation whose main donors include up to 209 contributors with the highest fortunes in the country². Moreover, Hazte Oír seems to have financial links with CitizenGO³ and the World Congress of Families⁴, which are linked to Russian oligarchs⁵.

Such funds, together with some biased media coverage, have also helped this party to grow its influence in all of Spain's institutions: Vox has been in talks to form a coalition with the EPP's Spanish member party in the regional government of Castilla y León since March 2022⁶.

Article 7(1)(b) of the proposal for a regulation on the transparency and targeting of political advertising⁷ states that, inter alia, 'the identity of the sponsor of the political advertisement and the entity ultimately controlling the sponsor' must be published with the advertisement.

Definition 7 (Article(2)(7)) of said proposal states that "'sponsor" means the natural or legal person on whose behalf a political advertisement is prepared, placed, published or disseminated'.

1. Would natural persons be liable to definition 7 if they sponsored a sponsor who is a legal person?
2. Does the Commission consider that stakeholders with links to far-right legal and natural persons are allowed to sponsor European political parties?

¹ <https://wikileaks.org/intolerancenetwork/press-release>

² <https://www.publico.es/politica/exclusiva-wikileaks-grandes-fortunas-altos-ejecutivos-espanoles-financiaron-nacimiento-vox-partir-grupo-ultracatolico-hazte-oir.html>

³ https://www.elplural.com/politica/vox-aliado-rusia-putin_285248102

⁴ <https://assets2.hrc.org/files/assets/resources/WorldCongressOfFamilies.pdf>

⁵ <https://bylinetimes.com/2022/03/02/millions-of-russian-roubles-funded-far-right-discord-in-europe/>

⁶ https://www.abc.es/espana/castilla-leon/abci-manueco-sabe-quienes-seran-tres-consejeros-junta-castilla-y-leon-202203281403_noticia.html

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021PC0731>