

**Question for written answer E-001694/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Financing under the DEAR Programme

The Commission is financing ongoing WWF and Südwind projects under the DEAR programme in Austria for a total amount of approximately EUR 39 million¹.

1. Does the Commission carry out any ongoing monitoring to verify that these funds are being spent appropriately by the WWF and Südwind, and if not, why not?
2. Have there been any irregularities in the current or previous WWF and Südwind programmes, if so, what are they and how have they been sanctioned?
3. Will there be a sound evaluation of WWF and Südwind projects, given the huge sums of EU citizens' money being provided?

¹ https://dear-programme.eu/map/?map_search_lead_organization=&map_search_project_title=&map_search_number=&map_search_project_approach=0&map_search_project_participant=0&map_search_main_applicant=0&map_search_UE_list=1&map_search_status=1&map_search_year=&lot2013=&map_search_any=&map_search_s_ort=0&map_search_order=1&map_menu=map_projectslist&submit=Search