

**Question for written answer E-003910/2022  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: An evening in the Metaverse – Cost and participation

In a Politico article<sup>1</sup> published on 30 November, a journalist describes the evening in the 'Metaverse' organised by the Commission on 29 November. According to the video advertising the event, the aim of this digital evening was to raise awareness of how the Commission takes on global challenges which need a global response as part of the Global Gateway project.

Setting up an initiative to make European policy more accessible to young people is a worthy idea. However, the fact that this project cost EUR 387 000, to ultimately be attended by only five people – the majority of whom were journalists – raises questions at a time when all other EU institutions are focused on saving money.

1. How did this initiative get the green light?
2. How does the Commission view this failed experiment?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-threw-e387k-meta-gala-nobody-came-big-tech/?utm\\_source=LinkedIn&utm\\_medium=social](https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-threw-e387k-meta-gala-nobody-came-big-tech/?utm_source=LinkedIn&utm_medium=social).