

**Question for written answer E-000456/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Foreign financing of NGOs in the EU

According to an article published by *Die Welt* on 16 January 2023, the US-based NGO Climate Emergency Fund is financing 11 international protest groups, including the German NGO Letzte Generation. Yet Letzte Generation's transparency report does not list any payments from this sender, which reportedly provided EUR 50 000 for an initiative it is involved in¹.

1. What does the Commission make of the lack of transparency around payments made by foreign actors to NGOs in Germany and more widely the EU?
2. Given that the intention of foreign actors is unknown and they are generally not allowed to influence social developments here, and especially in view of the anti-democratic, violent riots led by Letzte Generation demonstrators, including most recently in Lützerath, does such financing pose a threat to democracy?
3. In the light of the corruption scandal, will the Commission ensure that anti-money laundering provisions, which NGOs have been exempt from thanks to the Commission and European Parliament, will in future also apply to NGOs?

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¹ <https://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/plus243233747/Finanzen-der-Letzten-Generation-900-000-Euro-und-offene-Fragen.html>