

**Question for written answer E-000743/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission financing of the non-governmental organisation Transport & Environment (T&E)

Transport & Environment (T&E) is a European non-governmental organisation (NGO) which is actively lobbying on significant EU files on sustainable transport.

T&E writes on its own website that it receives between EUR 500 000 and EUR 1 million in direct funding from the Commission. Moreover, as a result of the lack of transparency on how individual T&E members are funded, the NGO might indirectly receive even more funding from the Commission.

In light of the increased scrutiny following the Qatargate scandal, the Commission's funding of an NGO that is lobbying on EU files raises the question of potential conflicts of interest.

1. What criteria has the Commission applied to justify funding T&E with nearly EUR 1 million?
2. Have any T&E members received additional EU funding (which could indirectly result in even more EU funding going to T&E) and, if so, which T&E members have received EU funding and how much have they received?
3. Will the Commission reconsider this funding in light of the increased scrutiny as a result of Qatargate?

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