

Question for written answer E-001034/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission subsidises to the European Environmental Bureau

During the March 2023 plenary session, the European Parliament voted on, among other things, the renovation requirement for public and private buildings, with a view to meeting the Green Deal climate targets.

It is abundantly clear that a number of lobby groups defending the interests of industrial sectors that benefit significantly from these regulations weighed very heavily on this particular file. Moreover, if a number of reports are to be believed, lobbyists subsidised by the Commission itself also appear to have exerted an undeniable influence on this file: for example, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), an umbrella lobby group that claims to unite the Union's broad civil society.

What is striking is that the EEB, which is listed in the transparency register under number 06798511314-27, gets to have its cake and eat it too, receiving subsidies from the Commission while at the same time weighing in on EU policy as a third-party interest group. Having met with the Commission nearly 150 times since 2014, its influence cannot be underestimated.

1. Does the Commission subsidise the EEB with the aim of influencing MEPs?
2. Which other pressure groups receive subsidies from the Commission?
3. For what reasons does the Commission provide subsidies to pressure groups?

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