

**Question for written answer E-002168/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Lobbyists and NGOs

The Commission is spending the insane sum of EUR 11 billion on funding for NGOs during this legislative period. In assessing funding applications, the Commission has so far adopted a purely formalistic approach, without taking into account the political objectives of the applicants (*Femyso* is a good example). Nor does the Commission seem to care that a number of NGOs which receive funding are also sponsored by other NGOs headquartered outside the EU. One example is the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), a huge NGO that can also count on the generous contributions of the US Rockefeller Foundation and Open Society Foundations, among others, which are out to destabilise our societies by promoting mass migration. EEB, a huge NGO flanked by another 180 NGOs, some of which are also beneficiaries of Commission funding, aims to influence EU environmental and climate policy. It is noteworthy that the NGO is simultaneously listed in the transparency register as a lobbyist.

1. The Commission is providing funding to an NGO that is simultaneously registered as a lobbyist. Is it normal practice for the Commission to use taxpayers' money to influence its own policies?
2. What measures does the Commission envisage to eliminate such a practice in the future?

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