

**Question for written answer E-002680/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission cooperation with Bill Gates

According to various publications, the Commission is closely involved in initiatives launched by Bill Gates (such as Breakthrough Energy and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) in the areas of climate policy, pharmaceuticals and digital identity¹. According to those publications, Bill Gates is using the initiatives to further his financial interests and increase his influence on European policies².

1. Can the Commission say why it is involved in Bill Gates' initiatives that are typified by financial gain, conflict of interest and curtailment of our fundamental rights?
2. Can the Commission list of all communications, collaborative arrangements and all agreements, lobbying activities, transactions and risk analyses (including as regards conflict of interest and curtailment of our fundamental rights) in connection with Bill Gates and his initiatives?
3. In the process, can the Commission also disclose all data relating to Bill Gates and his initiatives so that the public and the media can independently establish the truth? If not, why not, and what does the Commission have to hide?

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¹ <https://www.metronieuws.nl/in-het-nieuws/buitenland/2023/07/bill-gates-klimaat-europese-commissie-klimaatbeleid/>

² https://www.ftm.nl/artikelen/ngo-6-bill-melinda-gates-breakthrough-coalition-energie-industrie?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=billgatesklimaatngo&utm_content=ap_jy1w4jokw0