

**Question for written answer E-003619/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU-funded EUR 6 000 grant received by pro-ETA clowns

According to *La Razón*, the Katxiporreta Scoop, a 'pseudo-artistic' group that the clowns Pirritx, Porrotx and Marimotots belong to, received a grant of EUR 6 000 in digitalisation aid in January 2023 under the Kit digital programme for Spanish SMEs, which is financed by NextGenerationEU.

Colectivo de Víctimas del Terrorismo (Collective of Victims of Terrorism) believes that the clowns are linked to claims for support for ETA terrorist prisoners. Earlier in December 2023, they joined a ETA support campaign (SARE) that called, by means of a video geared towards children, for ETA prisoners to be released. The video demands impunity for the imprisoned terrorists. As far back as 2013, the Spanish Government warned the Basque authorities of the danger that the clowns posed owing to their 'express support for the prisoners of the terrorist organisation ETA'.

In the light of the above:

1. What view does the Commission take of the fact that a grant has been awarded to an ETA advocacy group by means of an EU-funded programme?
2. Will it investigate the fate of and the criteria for approving the grant, and request that it be repaid?
3. Does it condemn this attempt to brainwash children into supporting pro-ETA claims?

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