

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2658/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding for European election candidates' campaign advertising

Eurooppanuoret ry, a Finnish non-governmental organisation, says that its European election campaign is being funded by the Commission, thus enabling it to offer its members campaigning expertise. Given that the object is to encourage all young people to vote, does the Commission not think that it is taking a biased, manipulative attitude by confining its campaign support to the members of one organisation only? Campaigning by one particular target group serves to discriminate against other candidates: does financing for such a purpose accord with the Commission's understanding of the principles underlying its policy as regards support for election advertising?