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Subject: A parliamentary political party as a threat

EFAy, the youth wing of the European Free Alliance European Political Party since 2004, applied for funding in 2009 to the Executive Agency for Youth in Action program 4.1 – 2009, as it has done since 2006. At first, in 2006, it received just a small sum, while in 2007 and 2008 it received the full amount. This year, EFA Youth has been excluded from funding.

EFAy has found evidence of serious political discrimination that goes against all European values of democracy and, in particular, Article 13 of the ECT. The evaluator's report reads: "On the other hand, there is a danger that such a focus, and particularly on the base of "regionalism" and "national identity" can potentially lead to major problems, and a potential threat to an overall European ideal".

Does the Commission believe that the youth branch of a parliamentary political party can really be a threat to the EU?

What is the Commission's opinion on this issue?

What actions can the Commission develop in order to respect Article 13 of the ECT?