Priority question for written answer P-001275/2022 to the Commission

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Subject: The role of Russian-funded environmental organisations in shaping EU climate policy

It has recently come to light that environmental organisations operating within the European Union have, to a large extent, been a cover for Russian lobbying aimed at weakening the EU economically and making Member States dependent on Russian energy resources.

These so-called environmental organisations have focused their activities on three main objectives: fighting against the development of nuclear energy, fighting against energy production from fossil fuels extracted within the EU, including through fracking, and promoting so-called green energy (including solar and wind) at the expense of the previous two.

Today, in the face of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, it is clear that Russia's machinations have effectively made a large number of Member States dependent on raw materials from Russia. Countries such as Germany do not agree with the imposition of an embargo on Russian raw materials, arguing that there are no alternatives.

In light of the above:

- 1. Which environmental organisations and other NGOs were consulted during the creation of the so-called Green Deal and the Fit for 55 programme?
- 2. To the best of the Commission's knowledge, which environmental organisations or other NGOs have received or are receiving funding from the Russian Federation or related entities?
- 3. In light of the above, does the Commission intend to revise the provisions of the so-called Green Deal and Fit for 55 programme?