

**Priority question for written answer P-003795/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Abuse of EU funds by NGOs for political purposes

Glas ljudstva is a Slovenian network of civil society organisations which receives financial support from the European Union. It is a non-governmental organisation with extreme views and a co-organiser of the violent anti-government 'Friday' protests that took place in the Slovenian capital for two years, at which violence against officials in the centre-right government was deliberately encouraged. A feature of those rallies was the display of extremist symbols from the Communist era. On Trg republike square, the 'Friday' protesters lit bonfires, burnt chairs symbolising seats in parliament, played football with balls on which the heads of ministers were drawn, and hung posters of the faces of Members of Parliament on which threats were written and swastikas were drawn. In front of the Ministry of Culture, the protesters set up tables and chairs, writing people's names on the tables and smearing red paint on the chairs to symbolise blood.

The network is currently actively involved in the referendum campaign in support of government laws, having previously been involved in the political campaign for the national elections, at which they supported the radical left.

In light of the above:

1. When does the Commission intend to stop funding the Glas ljudstva network and will it initiate procedures to recover the money already contributed by European taxpayers?
2. How does the Commission intend to improve funding control mechanisms and the monitoring of the use of funds in order to avoid such funding of political campaigns by extremist groups?

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