Question for written answer E-000296/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of EU funds to finance ‘green’ lobbies

On 22 January 2025, the Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf* alleged[1] that the EU had for years being using European funds to pay ‘environmental’ groups and lobbies to push for the Green Deal.

According to the leaked details, funds were handed over to hundreds of environmental associations via substantial contracts, including one valued at EUR 700 000. The investigation claims that environmental groups received money via climate and environmental subsidies in return for putting pressure on both the public and MEPs to support the Green Deal.

In view of the above:

1. What measures will the Commission take to address the findings and prevent similar cases in the future?

2. Which environmental associations did the Commission meet with during the period when the Green Deal was being drafted?

3. If this information proves to be correct, would it be appropriate to revise the Green Deal, given that the legislative process would be affected?

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[1] https://www.telegraaf.nl/nieuws/1287315486/lobbyschandaal-in-brussel-eu-betaalde-milieuclubs-in-het-geheim-voor-promotie-van-groene-plannen-timmermans