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Subject: Use of EU funds for lobbying by environmental organisations

According to a report by Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf*, the Commission may have funded environmental organisations to promote certain Green Deal policies, giving them specific targets for lobbying MEPs and Member States. The funding, allegedly channelled through a multi-billion fund for climate and environment subsidies, may also have covered activities aimed at influencing the debate on agriculture and environmental legislation.

Examples in the report include a campaign coordinated by a network of more than 185 associations to promote the Nature Restoration Law. The article also suggests that some organisations may have been required to provide detailed reporting on the results they achieved. Commissioner Piotr Serafin acknowledged that some agreements with NGOs actually used to include provisions that encouraged lobbying.

In light of the above, can the Commission say whether it intends to review and/or withdraw the legislation concerned with the points mentioned?

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