Question for written answer E-000749/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: USAID funding for projects that have shaped political developments in Europe

According to official USAID documents, the agency has funded projects that are linked to political and institutional change in Europe[1].

For example, during the preparation phase of the Annan Plan (1998-2004), it provided Cyprus with USD 60.5 million as part of the Bi-Communal Development Programme[2] and, since 1993, it has given more than USD 640 million to the state of Skopje for institutional and political reforms[3]. It also provided funding[4] for the Joint History and Reconciliation Project – implemented by the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE) – for the production of common history books for the Balkans.

In view of the above, can the European Commission answer the following:

1. Has it assessed whether political developments were potentially shaped by such projects and what influence the projects had on institutions, public opinion in Member States or candidate countries?

2. Is this USAID funding part of co-funding/cooperation with the EU and what is the total amount of USAID funding, if the Commission has this information?

3. Are there currently any EU and USAID co-funded projects in the Balkans or projects that have been implemented in cooperation with the EU and USAID and which sectors do they concern?

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[1] https://web.archive.org/web/20060828214828/https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pdabz998.pdf
[2] https://www.sigmalive.com/news/local/1264973/ta-khrimatodotika-plokamia-tis-usaid-stin-kypro-h-periptosi-skhedioy-anan.
[3] https://web.archive.org/web/20250131230349/https://www.usaid.gov/north-macedonia/history.
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