

**Question for written answer E-002488/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Clarification on alleged financing of the NGO ClientEarth by the Commission,
part 1

In the light of a recent media report published in the *Brussels Signal* on 10 June 2025 citing previous articles from *Welt* and *Welt am Sonntag*, which reported that the Commission was suspected of funding the non-governmental organisation (NGO) ClientEarth to the amount of EUR 350 000 under the LIFE programme to pursue legal actions against coal-fired power plants, I request further clarification. The report suggests close coordination between Commission officials and ClientEarth's leadership, which raises concerns about the transparency and autonomy of NGOs. The Commission is asked to provide answers to the following questions.

1. Is the Commission planning to make available the 2022 ClientEarth grant agreement, including its work programme, to confirm its objectives and show its connection with coal-fired power plants?
2. Is the Commission planning to publish the communications with ClientEarth regarding funded legal actions in 2022-2023?
3. Did the Commission put pressure on or encourage ClientEarth to legally attack or use propaganda against any coal-fired power plants?

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