

Question for written answer E-002494/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Lobbying by services of the European Commission

Recently, the media reported that the Commission had been providing annual support to environmental NGOs, allegedly amounting to six-figure sums, to lobby for and promote positions that often run counter to the official positions of the Commission itself. This was reportedly the case with the planned agreement with Mercosur, where the Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment allegedly lobbied against the conclusion of an agreement prepared by another Directorate-General of the same Commission – the Directorate-General for Trade¹.

In light of this, I would like to ask:

1. Can the Commission confirm the accuracy of the information reported in the media?
2. If so, what legal action has the Commission taken against the officials who mishandled EU citizens' money in such a way?
3. What measures has the Commission taken to prevent a similar situation from recurring in the future?

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¹ <https://table.media/en/europe/feature/secret-ngo-contracts-eu-funds-for-lobbying-against-mercosur/>