

Question for written answer E-002669/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: The EU continuing to fund enemies of the Member States

In May 2023, the European Union welcomed the award of a grant to the Malagasy NGO ‘Transparency International Initiative Madagascar’ to help it establish a project called MAIKA¹.

On 29 June 2025, the NGO issued a press release in which it publicly expressed its support for Madagascar’s claim on the Scattered Islands, against the backdrop of meetings between France and Madagascar on the subject. The Scattered Islands archipelago, which has been French since the Third Republic, is of major geostrategic importance given its significant marine resources and its strategic position at the entrance to the Mozambique Channel.

It should be noted that the Scattered Islands were never part of Madagascar’s territory before independence in 1960. These ongoing claims by such organisations represent a clear interference in the internal affairs of a founding Member State of the European Union, at the same time as undermining stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

1. What criteria were used to justify the award of this grant?
2. In the light of the information published in recent days, does the Commission intend to suspend its grant to Transparency International Initiative Madagascar?

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¹ <https://2424.mg/news/lutte-contre-la-corruption-lunion-europeenne-soutient-le-projet-maika/>