

**Question for written answer E-003285/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Transparency of the funding of stakeholders involved in drafting online election integrity guidelines

In March 2024, the Commission issued guidelines for providers of very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSE) on mitigating systemic risks for electoral processes¹. Paragraph 8 of the guidelines states that the Commission received 77 replies as part of the ‘exploratory consultation’ it had organised during the drafting process².

One of the parties involved in the consultation, the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), claims on its website that it received EUR 5 747 583 from the Commission in 2023³. However, the Commission’s statement in the EU Transparency Register indicates that it financed EPD to the tune of EUR 4 510 501 in 2023⁴, while the Financial Transparency System reports that this sum totals EUR 14 680 000⁵.

In the interests of clarity and transparency, could the Commission answer the following questions about the parties involved in this exploratory consultation:

1. How many of the 77 respondents has the Commission financed by means of grants, contracts and other funding instruments?
2. How much funding did these parties receive in total from the Commission in 2023?
3. How much funding was allocated to EPD in 2023, and how does the Commission explain the discrepancies outlined above?

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¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:C_202403014

² Ibid.

³ <https://epd.eu/who-we-are/funding/>

⁴ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/searchregister-or-update/organisation-detail_fr?id=679535014238-83

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/analysis.html>