

**Question for written answer E-004202/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible Chinese influence on EU climate policy through state-linked environmental organisations (GONGOs II)

According to multiple investigative reports, including reports by Fox News Digital, fourteen leading US environmental organisations advocating for stricter climate laws have reportedly received over USD 497 million in 2023 from Energy Foundation China (EFC), a Beijing-based organisation with documented links to Chinese state institutions and the Chinese Communist Party¹.

EFC publicly promotes ‘energy cooperation’ between China and the West² and has previously funded international NGOs that are also active in Europe. These findings raise concerns that Chinese state-linked foundations may be shaping environmental and energy policies within the EU.

In its reply to Priority Question for Written Answer P-10-2025-003237³, the Commission acknowledged the existence of government-organised non-governmental organisations (GONGOs) but confirmed that it does not regularly monitor or classify them.

In this context, I ask the Commission:

1. Given that the Commission does not monitor GONGOs, how does it ensure that foreign state-linked entities such as EFC do not influence EU climate and energy policymaking, directly or indirectly, through European NGOs?
2. Does the Commission plan to establish a screening or transparency mechanism to identify and exclude foreign GONGOs from participation in EU consultations or funding schemes?
3. Will the Commission re-evaluate existing partnerships with environmental NGOs that receive funding from foreign state-affiliated foundations in order to safeguard EU policy independence?

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¹ Fox News Digital, ‘CCP-tied group is quietly fueling US-based climate initiatives’, December 2023, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ccp-tied-group-quietly-fueling-us-based-climate-initiatives-tax-filings>.

² Energy Foundation China, ‘About Us’, <https://www.efchina.org/About-Us-en/Introduction-en>.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-003237_EN.html.