

Question for written answer E-004544/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Review of potential EU funding for Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte

Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF) is an association in Germany that was set up in 2015 and purports to defend supposed fundamental rights. Cases are selected specifically to bring about wide-reaching legal decisions. The association submits constitutional complaints, prepares expert opinions and runs media campaigns. While it describes itself as non-partisan, the choice of topics and the patterns of arguments used are anchored in an ideological, liberal-progressive fundamental rights discourse.

The organisation's inconspicuous mask recently slipped. It openly acts as an arm of anti-democratic forces, which use any means necessary to impose a ban on the party leading every opinion poll: Alternative für Deutschland (AfD). To that end, an expert report is currently being prepared, for which former AfD politicians have also been approached to encourage them to make statements criticising the party or provide internal information and documents. In doing so, the organisation does not act as an independent association, but rather as an active political actor that uses rule of law procedures as a pretext to undermine the democratic representation of a large portion of the population.

In view of these developments, it must be ensured that organisations that have such an anti-democratic agenda do not have access to EU funding.

1. Has GFF ever applied for or received EU funding, including indirect funding by way of third-party organisations?
2. What mechanisms are in place to ensure that EU funds do not go to organisations that seek to undermine democratic processes or restrict the people's political representation?

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