

Question for written answer E-000013/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: The Commission's persistent failure to monitor NGO funding and ideological risks

The European Court of Auditors' Special Report 11/2025¹ paints a grim picture: the Commission is unable to ensure reliable and comprehensive transparency with regard to funding paid to NGOs, despite repeated warnings over several years. This chronic lack of oversight is therefore neither isolated nor accidental, but structural.

This is all the more worrying given that EU funding has already been provided to NGOs accused of being close to the Muslim Brotherhood (CLAIM Allianz), including through programmes such as Erasmus+ (Al Sharq Forum), which has led to serious concerns being raised in several Member States. The lack of proactive oversight, combined with unclear definitions of NGOs and an over-reliance on self-declaration, fuels the suspicion that EU public funding is being used in an ideological and militant manner.

1. Does the Commission intend to introduce binding agreements which make the payment of EU funding conditional on beneficiaries undertaking to refrain from taking any partisan or political position?
2. What criteria and checks does it apply before granting EU funds so as to exclude organisations whose ideological, political or financial links give rise to serious questions?
3. Does it intend to set up clear exclusion and sanction mechanisms – including the suspension or repayment of funding – to deal with NGOs that pose security risks to Member States?

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¹ https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2025-11/SR-2025-11_EN.pdf