

**Question for written answer E-003596/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Save the Children: lobbying financed by the Commission?

Save the Children is a network of NGOs –particularly active in Europe – that helps unaccompanied minors. It criticises any provisions aimed at strengthening migration control and border protection; in particular, it has challenged the provisions of the Pact on Migration and Asylum as well as the Return Border Procedure Regulation. Its office in Brussels spends as much time on advocacy as it does on its relationship with donors.

The organisation states in its annual activity reports that it received EUR 14.5 million in EU funding for its programmes in Europe in 2022 and EUR 25 million in 2024. It apparently receives funding from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme, the European Social Fund Plus, Erasmus+, the Digital Europe Programme, as well as programmes managed by DG ECHO, INTPA and NEAR. And that's only Save the Children Europe; the national branches may well be receiving more funding.

In view of the above:

1. Can the Commission say exactly how much EU funding has been granted since 2020 to the entire Save the Children network, broken down by beneficiary, programme and project?
2. Can it indicate how much of this funding is linked to asylum, migration, unaccompanied minors or their integration?
3. Can it say whether EU funds can be used to directly or indirectly finance advocacy, communication or influence activities within the EU institutions and, if so, up to what amount?

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