

Question for written answer E-003961/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU funding of environmentalist sabotage groups

The EU is funding ‘environmental activist organisations’ to the tune of millions of euros a year¹. At the same time, several European climate organisations have carried out acts of sabotage against legal peat production. For example, Återställ våtmarker (‘Restore wetlands’, a Swedish pressure group) and Elokapina (Extinction Rebellion Finland) have committed serious crimes in the course of their activism².

With the above in mind:

1. Can the Commission state whether any organisations carrying out ‘action’ against legal peat production, including Återställ våtmarker and Elokapina, have received direct or indirect funding from the EU?
2. Are organisations that organise or financially support illegal action against legal peat production eligible for EU funding? If so, does the Commission think they should be?
3. What checks does the Commission carry out to ensure that EU grants to environmental organisations do not directly or indirectly fund or support illegal action against legal peat production?

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¹ European Commission, <https://www.tn.se/naringsliv/48681/aktivisterna-klattrar-upp-pa-maskiner-polisen-kan-inte-avvisa-dem-upptrappning-pa-helt-ny-niva/> Information Portal for Funding Programmes, Republic of Cyprus, <https://www.fundingprogrammesportal.gov.cy/en/call/life-operating-grants-en-2026/>.

² Rapporteur, <https://www.rapporteur.com/news/finnish-mps-condemn-activists-after-red-paint-stunt-over-peatland-mining/> Tidningen Näringslivet, <https://www.tn.se/naringsliv/48681/aktivisterna-klattrar-upp-pa-maskiner-polisen-kan-inte-avvisa-dem-upptrappning-pa-helt-ny-niva/>.