

**Priority question for written answer P-000532/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

Michał Wawrykiewicz (PPE)

Subject: Impact of US aid freeze on non-governmental organisations and EU-supported projects

The US administration has announced a 90-day freeze on foreign aid, affecting funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs), humanitarian organisations and development projects worldwide. This decision could have significant consequences for independent media, as well as NGOs that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe, as they are at risk of losing funding. Vulnerable populations across the globe rely heavily on US aid and the suspension could undermine progress on addressing global crises. The review, aimed at assessing the effectiveness of foreign aid in line with the ‘America first’ policy, threatens to halt or severely limit these critical initiatives.

1. Given the potential impact of this decision on EU-supported projects and partners that rely on multiple sources of funding, including US assistance, has the Commission conducted an assessment of how this aid freeze could affect ongoing EU-funded programmes and NGOs operating in these regions?
2. In the event of disruptions to key humanitarian and development initiatives, does the Commission plan to implement any measures to mitigate the impact of the US aid freeze, such as increased EU funding, coordination with international donors or diplomatic engagement with the US administration to clarify the scope of this decision?

Submitted: 5.2.2025