

**Priority question for written answer P-003237/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Chinese GONGOs in the EU: a blind spot in foreign interference?

Investigations and Member State intelligence point to Chinese Government-organised non-governmental organisations (GONGOs), which are often tied to the Chinese Communist Party, operating inside the EU^{1,2}. Masquerading as independent cultural or civic groups, they push Beijing's political line, block criticism of human rights abuses and intimidate or surveil activists – including members of the Uyghur, Tibetan, Hong Kong and Falun Gong communities.

These tactics echo China's manipulation of the United Nations system engagement with NGOs, where state-controlled organisations interfere with activities on a massive scale, drown out genuine civil society, and insert party-approved language into official processes.

With the EU's open civic space and patchy NGO transparency rules, these GONGOs can infiltrate policy debates, academia and public opinion, thus undermining democratic integrity, while the Commission appears to have no effective safeguards.

1. Is the Commission aware of the activities of Chinese GONGOs in the EU, including their dealings with EU institutions, funded programmes or civil society platforms, and if so, have they been flagged as foreign interference?
2. Has the Commission identified any instance, direct or indirect, in which EU funds have been granted to such organisations, and if so, will it publish a consolidated list, including the programme names, amounts awarded and the nature of the projects?
3. Has the Commission ever been lobbied by such GONGOs or other state-affiliated bodies, and has it audited or reviewed these contacts?

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¹ China's NGO Army at the UN: details tactics, links to CCP, and intimidation of dissidents, <https://www.icij.org/investigations/china-targets/united-nations-ngo-gongo-intimidate-human-rights/>.

² *Verfassungsschutzbericht 2024* (released June 10, 2025), <https://www.verfassungsschutz.de/SharedDocs/publikationen/DE/verfassungsschutzberichte/2025-06-10-verfassungsschutzbericht-2024.html>.