

**Priority question for written answer P-004061/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding of organisations lobbying for the Commission's proposed child sexual abuse regulation

The European Child Sexual Abuse Legislation Advocacy Group (ECLAG) describes itself as a coalition advocating for the adoption of the child sexual abuse regulation¹ (CSAR), proposed by the Commission in 2022. The ECLAG Steering Group includes ECPAT International, Eurochild, Missing Children Europe, the Internet Watch Foundation, Terre des Hommes and Thorn. Several of these organisations receive or have received EU funding, while ECLAG and its members engage with MEPs and other EU decision-makers regarding the proposed CSAR.

In January 2025, Commissioner Serafin acknowledged that it had been inappropriate for the Commission to enter into grant agreements obliging non-governmental organisations to lobby MEPs, after which the Commission issued guidance applicable to EU spending programmes.

1. Could the Commission provide information, for each ECLAG Steering Group member, about all EU funding received since 2021, itemised by programme, directorate-general, amount, grant type and stated purpose?
2. Have any of these grants been used for, directly or indirectly, advocacy, public affairs, campaigning or lobbying activities concerning the proposed CSAR, the Interim Regulation² or related EU child safety legislation? If so, what activities and amounts were involved?
3. What safeguards does the Commission apply to ensure that EU-funded organisations are not financed, instructed or incentivised to lobby Parliament or the Council to support its legislative proposals, and, given its 2024 guidance, has the Commission reviewed the above grants?

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¹ Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2022 laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse (COM(2022)0209).

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2021 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse (OJ L 274, 30.7.2021, p. 41, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1232/oj>).