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**Question for written answer E-000629/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU financing for the International Planned Parenthood Federation

According to the EU Funding & Tenders Portal, in recent years, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has received large sums from the Commission: EUR 599 000 in 2022, EUR 875 987 in 2023, EUR 875 776 in 2024 and EUR 919 101.60 in 2025, which comes to a total of EUR 3 269 864.60 ⁽¹⁾.

Those figures give cause for concern: the IPPF has been involved in a number of scandals in recent years. In 2015, an undercover investigation revealed that some managers discussed the sale of foetal tissue from late abortions, including cases where fetuses would have been born alive ⁽²⁾. Subsequently, in 2024, further videos came to light showing similar conversations between senior IPPF officials ⁽³⁾. What is more, in 2025, an IPPF chapter in Florida was accused of breaching tax laws, offering working space to the Harris-Walz presidential campaign ⁽⁴⁾.

Concerns are therefore being raised about how EU funds allocated to the IPPF are being used. In the light of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that EU funds are not used for controversial or potentially illegal lobbying by the IPPF?
2. Has it carried out thorough checks on the use of the funding allocated to the IPPF and if so, what were the results?
3. Is it willing to suspend or review its allocating of funding to the IPPF?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission carries out rigorous selection processes, including checks on grant beneficiaries. To protect the financial interests of the Union, the Commission makes sure that the action is implemented in accordance with the applicable financial rules and the grant agreement signed with the beneficiary. Any breach of obligation of the terms of the grant agreement can lead to measures including grant agreement suspension and termination.

The monitoring of the implementation of the grants, in which the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) European Network was a beneficiary, did not reveal any activities that would not be in line with the requirements for EU funding nor the need to review the allocation of funding.

Further, the Commission notes that the IPPF is not currently implementing any EU funding either.

The Commission is aware of the allegations related to the tissue donation programme of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (IPPFA), which is a member association of IPPF. As the Commission pointed out in its replies to written questions E-011611/2015 ⁽¹⁾, E-12709/2015 ⁽²⁾ and P-012161/2015 ⁽³⁾, the IPPFA is not a recipient of EU funding either.

Any information about alleged illegal activities taking place in the EU should be reported to the appropriate national law enforcement for further investigation, and, if necessary, for prosecution under the national legislative provisions.

¹ <https://agenda.europe.wordpress.com/2025/02/06/outrageous-the-eus-most-aggressive-baby-slaughtering-lobby-receives-80-of-its-budget-directly-from-the-european-commission/>.

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZr7rzVwEnw>.

³ <https://nypost.com/2024/08/08/us-news/undercover-video-allegedly-shows-planned-parenthood-scandal/>.

⁴ https://nypost.com/2025/01/14/us-news/planned-parenthood-chapter-gave-harris-campaign-workspace-breaking-tax-law-irs-complaint/?utm_source=chatgpt.com.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-011611-ASW_EN.html

⁽²⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-012709-ASW_EN.html

⁽³⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2015-011611-ASW_EN.html