

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001282/25
to the Commission
Siegbert Frank Droese (ESN)
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Subject: European Movement Serbia

1. What is the Commission's view of the fact that organisations such as the 'Evropejski pokret u Srbiji' (European Movement Serbia) are often perceived, or at least portrayed, among the Serbian public as instruments of external political influence?
2. To what extent has the 'Evropejski pokret u Srbiji' received EU financial support over the past decade, and how does the Commission ensure that these funds are not used to influence domestic politics in Serbia in favour of a one-sided EU agenda?
3. Does the Commission agree that excessive support for EU-friendly organisations such as the 'Evropejski pokret u Srbiji' could create the impression that the EU wants to steer the political and social dynamics in Serbia, which could weaken the confidence of the Serbian people in the EU accession process?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
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Evropski pokret u Srbiji ⁽¹⁾ (European Movement Serbia) has received limited financial support from the EU over the past decade. This funding is part of the EU's broader strategy to foster a stronger, democratic, and inclusive Serbia for all its citizens and to support their participation in the country's EU accession process.

Organisations like *Evropski pokret u Srbiji* play a crucial role in promoting and supporting a whole-society approach to the EU accession process.

The Commission engages with a diverse range of stakeholders through open calls, thereby mitigating the risk of any single narrative dominating the political discourse in Serbia.

In providing EU financial support for civil society in the Western Balkans, including Serbia, the Commission implements strict monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. These include regular audits, reporting requirements, and assessments of the impact of funded projects.

This multi-faceted oversight aims to uphold the integrity of the funding process and ensure that it contributes positively to the democratic development of the country.

The portrayal of civil society organisations that receive EU funding as tools of external influence undermines EU's legitimate efforts to support civil society and democratic processes within Serbia and goes against the values that are fundamental for the future of any candidate country that wants to join the EU.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.emins.org/en/>.