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Question for written answer E-001757/25
to the Commission
Barbara Bonte (PfE)
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Subject: Subsidising ECCAR

The Commission provides grants to the NGO Coalition of European Cities against Racism (ECCAR), a far-left organisation that seeks to acquire as many cities as possible as members.

What is the motivation behind subsidising what is a purely ideological project with no real benefit for society?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(2 September 2025)

The European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR) is the beneficiary of an operating grant under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) ([1]) funding programme, under the priority 'combat racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance'.

The CERV aims to protect and promote the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights ([2]), in particular by supporting civil society organisations active in the EU.

ECCAR contributes to the CERV's objective by supporting the implementation of the EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025 ([3]) and of EU policy related to equality and anti-discrimination.

The CERV, as all EU funding programmes, has been approved by Members States in the Council and by the European Parliament. It is implemented through multi annual programmes approved by representatives of the Member States and through calls for proposals, which are public.

Any legal entity established in the EU may submit a proposal. Proposals are evaluated against pre-announced selection and award criteria by independent experts.

Only the highest ranked proposals are selected for funding. The funding is provided in full transparency and in line with the Financial Regulation ([4]).

([1]) OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1-20, Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/5703/oj.

([2]) OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, pp. 391-407, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/treaty/char_2012/oj.

([3]) https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/beb25da4-e6b9-459e-89f7-bcdbd3a8f0c8_en?filename=a_union_of_equality_eu_action_plan_against_racism_2020_-2025_en.pdf.

([4]) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R2509.