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The Commission has no way to identify ‘United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded non-governmental organisations (NGOs)’ in its information systems. However, the Commission can provide information on EU funding for the NGOs listed in the question transmitted by the Honourable Member. From 2021 to 2024, a total amount of EUR 505.4 million has been contracted by the Commission for EU External Action with Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI), Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services and Mercy Corps. The European External Action Service does not directly provide funding for NGOs and political foundations.

According to the Financial Regulation, grants to NGOs may only be awarded in order to finance either ‘an action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective’, or ‘the functioning of a body which has an objective forming part of, and supporting, a Union policy’. In this context, the awarded grants are selected through open and competitive selection processes against transparent criteria aimed at measuring the quality and degree of alignment and relevance of the proposals with the EU’s objectives and priorities, and must respect the EU values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

The Commission may exclude, through the Early Detection and Exclusion System, persons or entities involved in criminal activities, including terrorism, in activities incompatible with EU values or in unethical practices. Entities subject to EU restrictive measures cannot benefit from EU funds. The Commission can also set specific conditions applicable to award procedures when the actions affect the security or public order, in particular concerning strategic assets and interests of the EU or its Member States.

During implementation, and in the event of fraud, irregularities, substantial errors or breach of contractual obligations, including the violation of EU values, grants may be suspended, terminated or reduced and funds may be recovered.