

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002073/25
to the Commission
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Subject: European Green Deal

1. What cooperation exists between the Commission and the Breakthrough Energy initiative launched by Bill Gates in 2015 and what grants has the network received from Commission's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, with what objective, and have the grants been ring-fenced?
2. What other NGOs does the Commission support through direct or indirect payments in relation to the Green Deal? With what objective, and are the grants ring-fenced?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
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In 2021, the Commission joined forces with Breakthrough Energy and the European Investment Bank in the 'EU-Catalyst Partnership' to provide equity, grants and venture debt for selected clean-tech projects.

The main aim was to stimulate more private investment into European low-carbon technology companies and innovators, providing solutions to climate challenges.

The Commission contributes with an InvestEU top up guarantee of EUR 220 million from the Innovation Fund and EUR 200 million grants from Horizon Europe ⁽¹⁾.

The Partnership is currently supporting three projects ⁽²⁾. The partnership does not involve grant or grant type support for one of the partners e.g. Breakthrough Energy.

The European Green Deal is supported by a range of EU funds and funding instruments, such as Next Generation EU ⁽³⁾, LIFE ⁽⁴⁾, the Innovation Fund ⁽⁵⁾ or Horizon Europe.

These funds are designed to finance projects, policies and initiatives that align with the Green Deal's objectives, such as reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity, transitioning to a circular economy and ensuring a just transition for all regions and communities.

The Commission supports numerous non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through operating or action grants to advance Green Deal goals.

Like other organisations, NGOs can participate in projects supported by EU funds and the funding instruments mentioned above, by responding to calls for proposals that match with their area of expertise. The award of grants is done through competitive procedures, while no specific amounts are ringfenced.

⁽¹⁾ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en.

⁽²⁾ Ineratec, producing eSAF; Ottana/Energy Dome, building a CO₂-based energy storage facility; and Rondo, developing power-to-heat technologies.

⁽³⁾ https://next-generation-eu.europa.eu/index_en.

⁽⁴⁾ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life_en.

⁽⁵⁾ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/innovation-fund_en.