

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002621/25
to the Commission
Petr Bystron (ESN)
(30 June 2025)**

Subject: Legal proceedings against German companies lodged by NGOs using EU funds from the LIFE programme

According to the German newspaper ‘Welt’, the EU is funding NGO projects with the aim of running campaigns and bringing legal complaints against German companies (Die Welt: Einblick in die Geheimverträge — So funktioniert die Schatten-Klimalobby der EU ⁽¹⁾ (Insight into secret agreements — How the EU’s shadow climate lobby works)).

Under what circumstances will the Commission publish the ‘secret agreements’ governing LIFE programme funding for NGOs?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(13 November 2025)**

As indicated in the reply by the Commission to Written Question E-002336/2025, detailed information on all operating grants supporting non-governmental organisations (NGOs), financed under the EU programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) ⁽¹⁾, is published online in the LIFE dashboard ⁽²⁾, which is public.

Each entry includes the beneficiaries’ details, the amounts of the EU contributions, and a description of the objectives of the grant.

The LIFE dashboard is updated each year after the operating grants of any specific LIFE Call have been awarded. Information is also available on the Commission’s Financial Transparency System ⁽³⁾.

There are no “secret agreements” governing the LIFE programme funding for NGOs.

¹ <https://www.welt.de/wirtschaft/plus256224858/eu-einblick-in-die-geheimvertraege-so-funktioniert-die-schatten-klimalobby-der-eu.html>

⁽¹⁾ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life_en.

⁽²⁾ https://dashboard.tech.ec.europa.eu/qs_digit_dashboard_mt/public/sense/app/8298c020-48a6-4b84-91f4-f6f2665c0f99/sheet/d2820200-d4d9-4a26-b23b-58e323c803c2/state/analysis. Under the ‘Call acronym’ tab, select ‘LIFE-[year]-NGO-OG-SGA and scroll down to the list of operating grants for each year, awarded in the 2021-2028 financial framework.

⁽³⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.