

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-000905/25
to the Commission
Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)
(4 March 2025)**

Subject: EU funding to Elon Musk's companies

Can the Commission provide a detailed list of EU funding allocated to companies owned or controlled by Elon Musk (SpaceX, Tesla, X (formerly Twitter), Neuralink, The Boring Company, xAI and any other relevant entities linked to Mr Musk) over the past five years? This should include grants, tenders, subsidies and any other payments made in this regard, including funds spent on advertising on social media platforms owned or controlled by him. Please specify the amount, purpose, type of funding and the relevant EU programmes under which the funds were allocated.

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(12 May 2025)**

The Commission kindly refers the Honourable Member to the publicly available Financial Transparency System (FTS) ⁽¹⁾. The Commission makes available information of recipients of funds financed from the budget on the FTS, where the budget is implemented under direct management mode. The information for the financial year 2024 will be published in June 2025.

According to the FTS, there are three ongoing 2023 grants to Tesla Motors Netherlands BV under the Connecting Europe Facility. This is part of the Facility's Alternative Infrastructure programme ⁽²⁾ for the deployment of charging stations for Long Distance Vehicles (LDVs) along the Trans-European transport network (TEN-T Network). The type of funding for the grants is unit contribution per charging point and relevant grid connection. The amount per project is:

21-EU-TC-Tesla EV charging (Cohesion) — EUR 14 940 000

21-EU-TC-Tesla EV charging (General) — EUR 133 780 000

21-EU-TG-Tesla EV charging II — EUR 9 860 000

SpaceX was exceptionally contracted in the name of the Commission by the European Space Agency (ESA) for two long-scheduled launches of two Galileo Satellites each (the EU constellation of Positioning, Navigation and Timing services) in 2024. The reason was the delay of the entry into service of Ariane 6, the default launcher for Galileo. The amount of the contract was published in the Official Journal of the European Union ⁽³⁾. Ariane 6 entered into service in July 2024.

Concerning X, the Commission (including all its services and its Representations in the Member States) spent approximately EUR 630 000 on paid advertising on the platform for the period it was owned by Mr Musk. Since October 2023, the Commission has suspended all paid advertising or services on this platform. The suspension still applies.

⁽¹⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html> The annual publications are based on Article 38 of the Financial Regulation (OJ L 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, p. 1-239), and in accordance with the third paragraph of the article, information on recipients is not disclosed in specific cases outlined therein.

⁽²⁾ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/cef-transport-alternative-fuels-infrastructure-facility-afif-call-proposal_en.

⁽³⁾ <https://ted.europa.eu/fr/notice/-/detail/507009-2024>.