

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-001007/25
to the Commission
Csaba Dömötör (PFE)
(7 March 2025)**

Subject: Disclosure of the list of non-governmental organisation contracts

The Commission funds a large number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) throughout Europe. The aforementioned funding is carried out in a non-transparent way. There is no central register of which organisations are funded, on what grounds they are funded and how much they receive.

The platforms for requesting data are difficult to use. Citizens who use them often report that their applications are rejected. Rejections tend to be due to the fact that citizens did not request specific documents. But how could they ask for those if they have no knowledge of who the Commission has entered into contracts with? This fundamentally goes against the principle of transparency.

EU citizens have the right to know what the Commission is spending hundreds of millions of euros of their taxes on.

According to our information, relevant data has been collected and sent to certain Members of the European Parliament, but this data is not public.

For all these reasons, we ask the following question:

Is the Commission willing to make public the list of the contracts through which it supported NGOs in the period 2019-2024 and the amount those NGOs received?

EU taxpayers who stubbornly believe in transparency are waiting for your kind answer.

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(25 April 2025)**

The Commission adheres strictly to its transparency obligations. Information about EU fund recipients including non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the amounts received is published on the Financial Transparency System ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission in addition proactively shares the objectives and outcomes of funded projects on the Funding & Tenders Portal ⁽²⁾. Furthermore, interest representatives that register in the Transparency Register as not representing commercial interests, which would typically include NGOs, are required to report their lobbying activities and disclose their main funding sources, including any contributions exceeding EUR 10 000, representing more than 10% of their total budget, in the Transparency Register ⁽³⁾. Citizens may request access to documents held by EU institutions under the conditions of Regulation 1049/2001 ⁽⁴⁾.

The information submitted by the Commission to the European Parliament referred to by the Honourable Member was provided in the context of the discharge procedure in accordance with Article 267 of the Financial Regulation ⁽⁵⁾.

The framework Agreement ⁽⁶⁾ on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission governed the procedure for exchanging information between the two institutions.

⁽¹⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html> (The annual publications are based on Article 38 Financial Regulation whereby data on recipients is not disclosed for very low value contracts below EUR 15 000 and where disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of the persons or entities).

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

⁽³⁾ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/index_en

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001R1049>

⁽⁵⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202402509

⁽⁶⁾ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32010Q1120\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32010Q1120(01))