Echo Chamber: The Quango Feedback Loop

Issues of Concern with the EU Budget 2019

by Joachim Kuhs, Rapporteur 2019

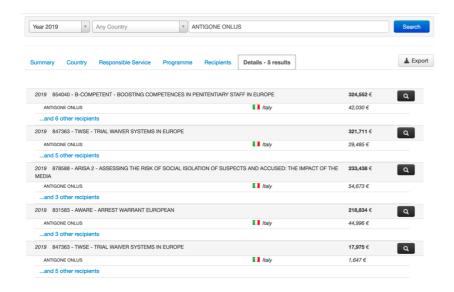
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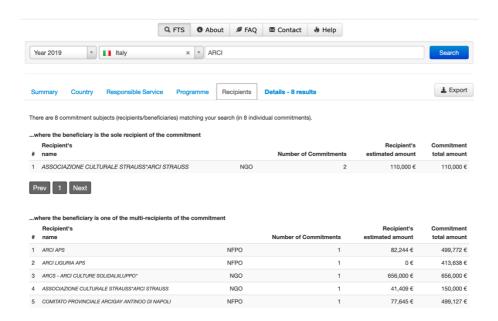
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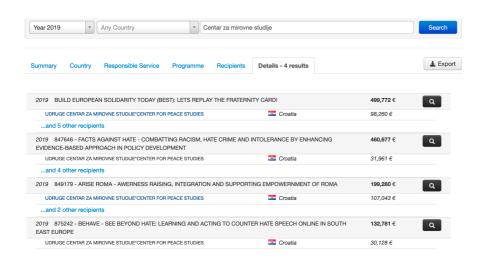
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2019 ECFR PROJECT ON EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY 29,930 €						Q	
ECFR DE	EUTSCHLAND G	SMBH			Germany	29,930 €	

1.2. EU funding for "Civil Society" QUANGOs



€967,298 | Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana (ARCI) (Italy)

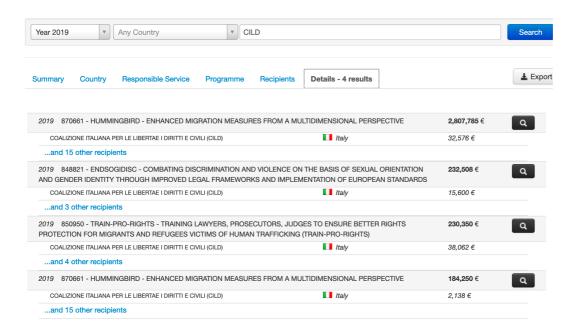


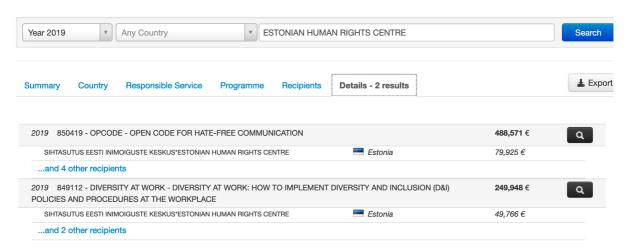


€81,363 Civil Rights Defenders (Sweden)

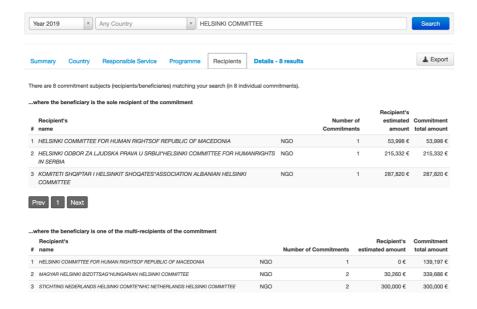


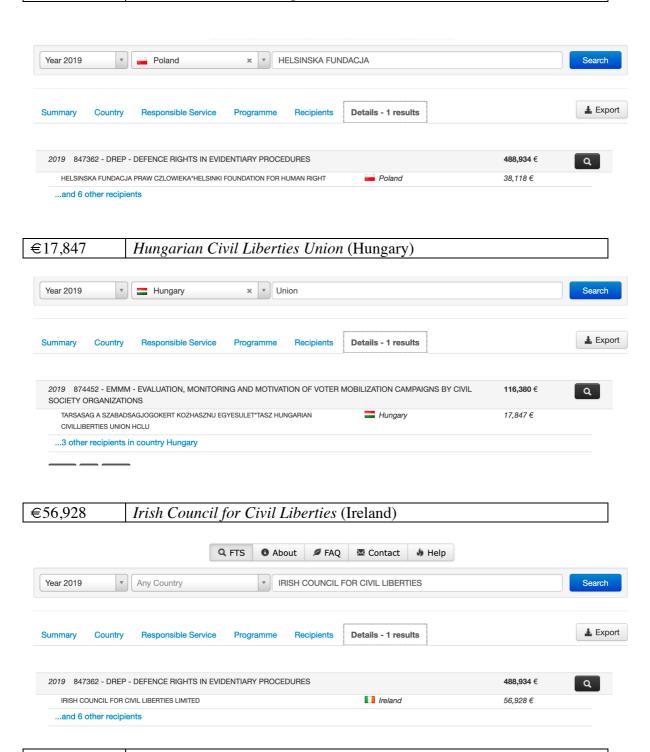
€88,379 | Coalizione Italiana per le Liberta e Diritii e Civili (CILD) (Italy)



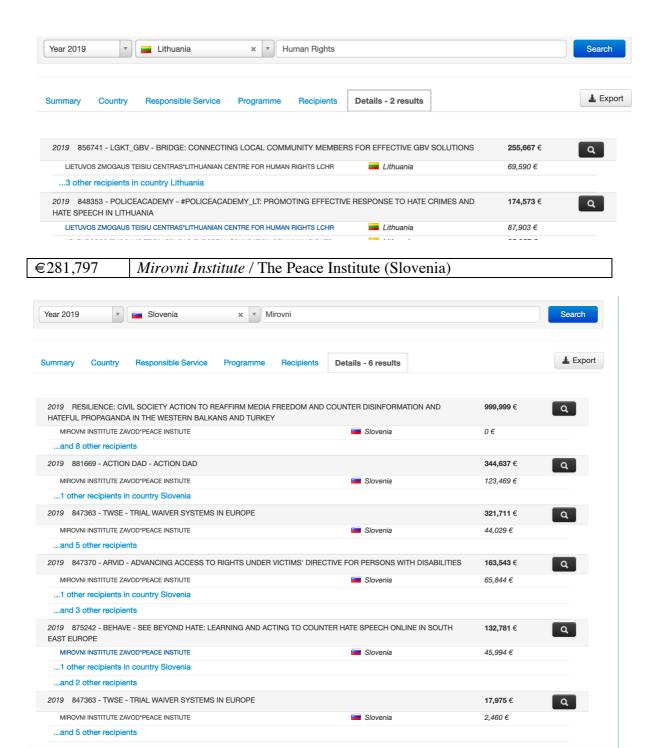


€887,410 *Helsinki Committees*

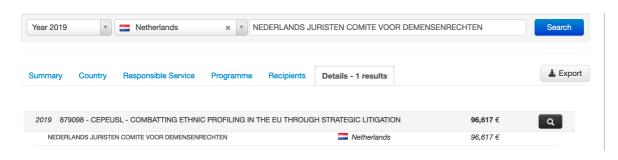




€157,493 *Lithuanian Center for Human Rights* (Lithuania)



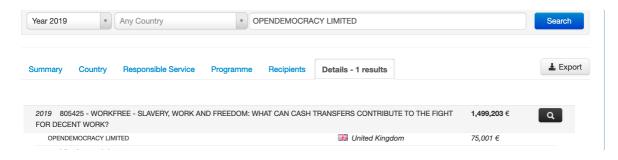
€96,617 *Nederlands Juristen Comite voor de Mensenrechten* (Netherlands)



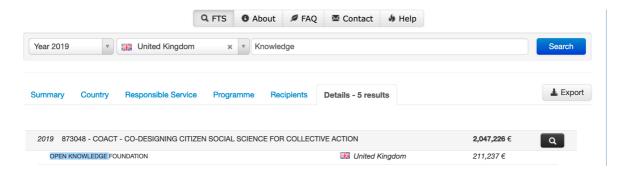
€31,112 Neue deutsche Medienmacher (Germany)



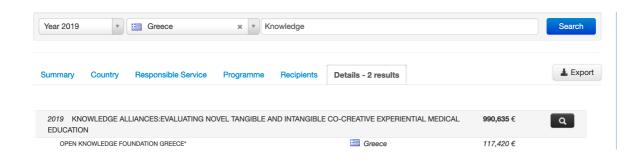
€75,001 Open Democracy (UK)



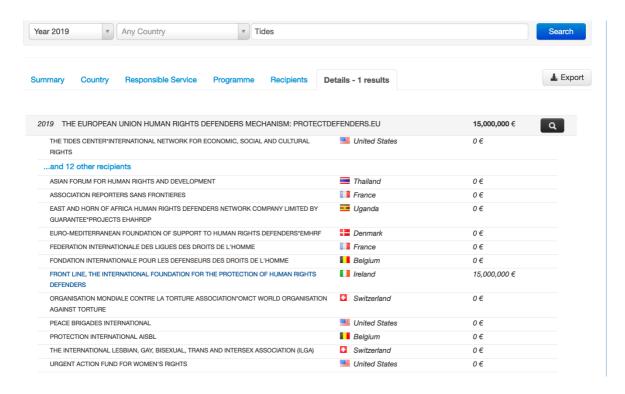
€211,237 Open Knowledge Foundation (UK)



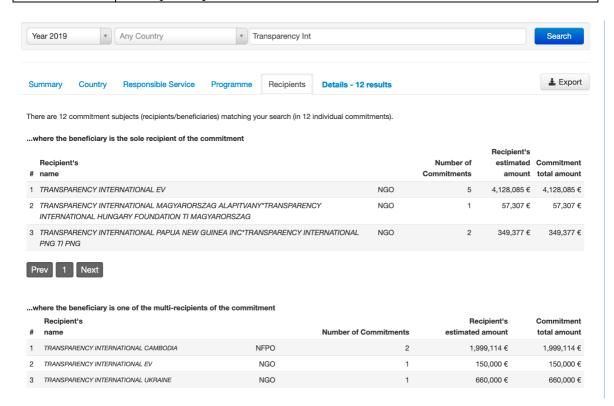
€117,420 Open Knowledge Foundation (Greece)



€15,000,000 Tides Foundation / Front Line



€6,465,412 Transparency International



1.3. EU funding for Radical Islam

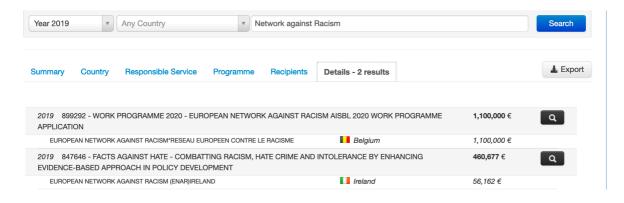
€550,000 for "Islamic Relief Germany"



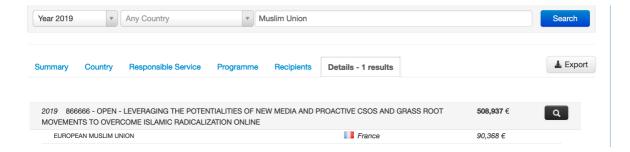
€14,398 for the "Forum of European Muslim Youth & Student Organizations" (FEMYSO).



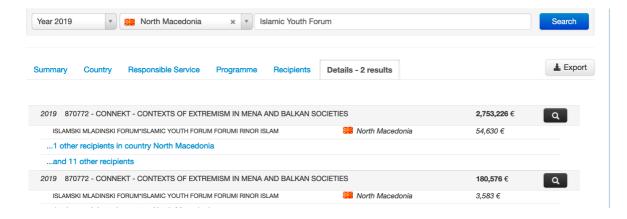
€1,156,162 for the European Network against Racism (ENAR)



€90,368 for the European Muslim Union



€58,213 for the Islamic Youth Forum North Macedonia



2. Israel

- 2.1. EU Funding for NGOs in the Palestine Authority with Ties to Terror and BDS
- 2.2. EU Funding for NGOs that Interfere with Israeli Democracy
- 2.3. EU Funding for Left-Wing Israeli NGOs in Area

https://www.ngo-monitor.org/reports/eu-funding-to-ngos-in-2019/

2.4. EU Funding for Illegal Settlements in Area C of Judea and Samaria

https://regavim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Roots-of-Evil-final.pdf

https://www.regavim.org/eu- https://regavim.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Position-Paper-European-Building-in-Area-C-US.pdf

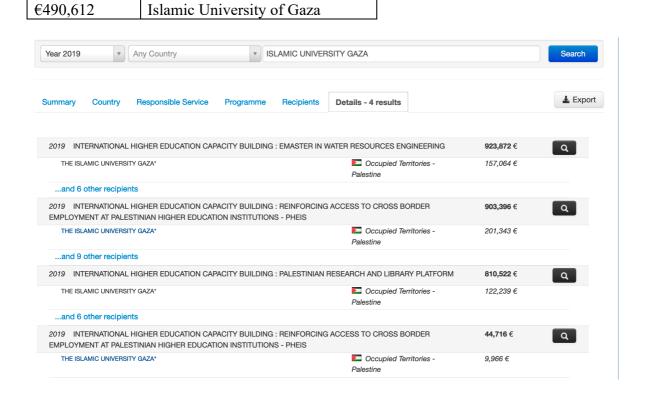
2.5. EU Funding for UNRWA

 $https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/2019_pledges_of_government_and_eu_overall_ranking.pdf$

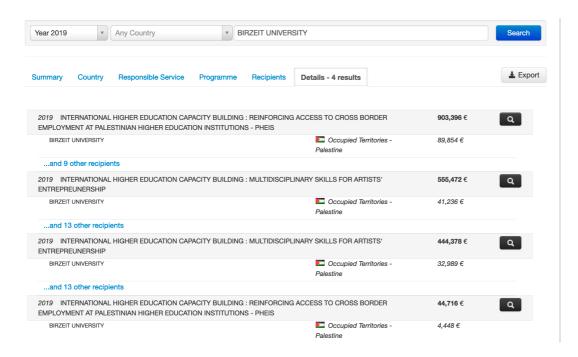
2.6. EU Funding for the PA

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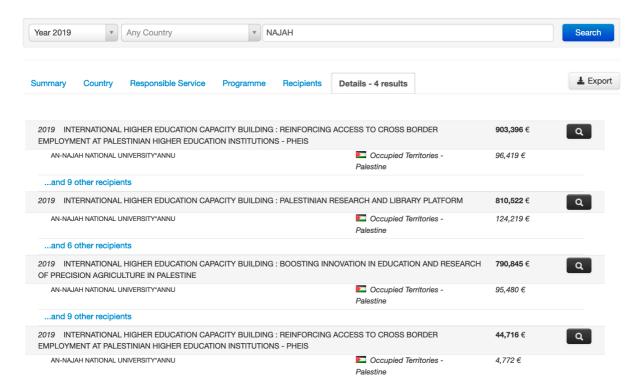
2.7. Funding for Palestinian Universities with Hamas Ties



€168,527 Birzeit University, Ramallah



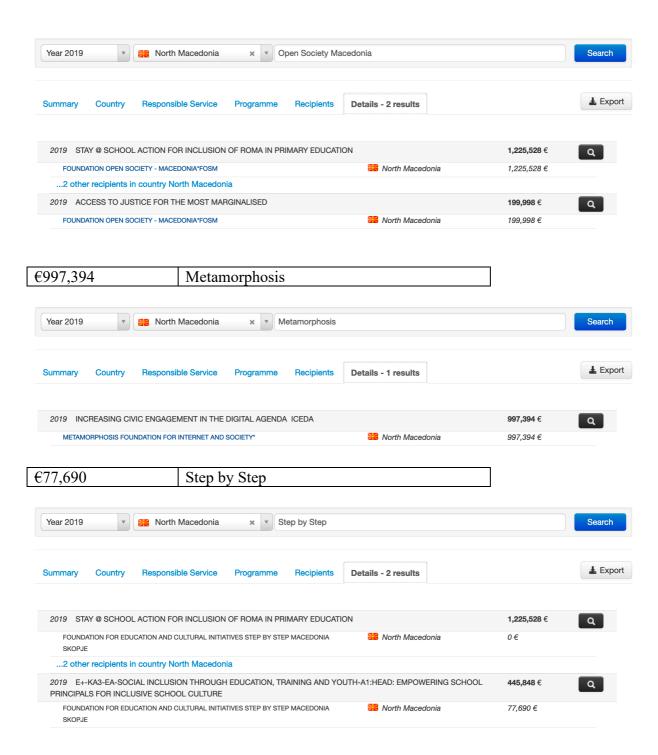
€320,890 An-Najah National University

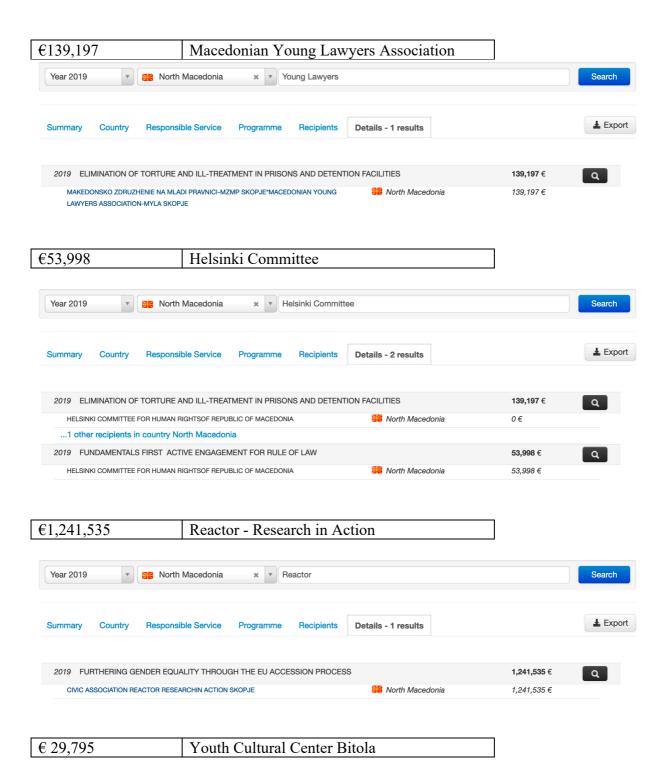


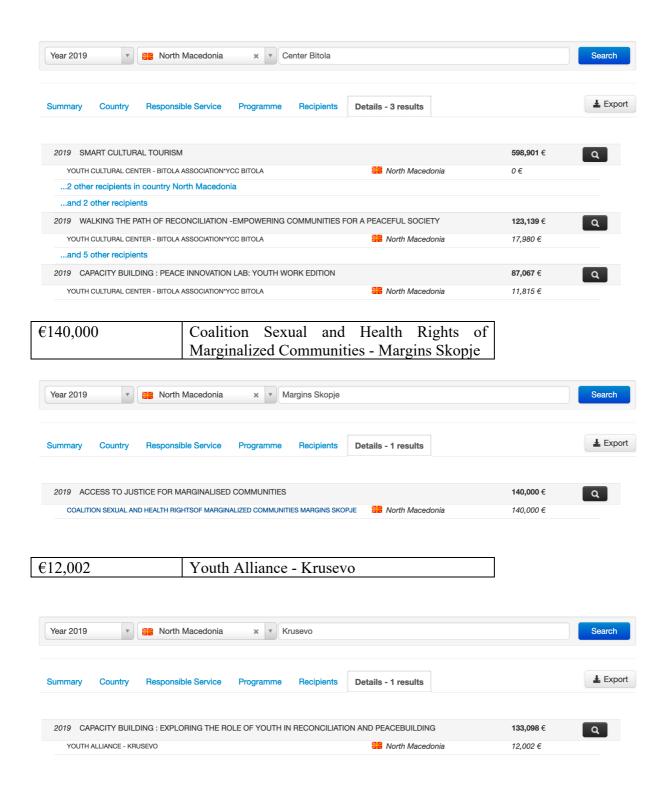
3. Balkans

3.1. North Macedonia

€1,225,528	Foundation Open Society Macedonia
€199,998	Foundation Open Society Macedonia





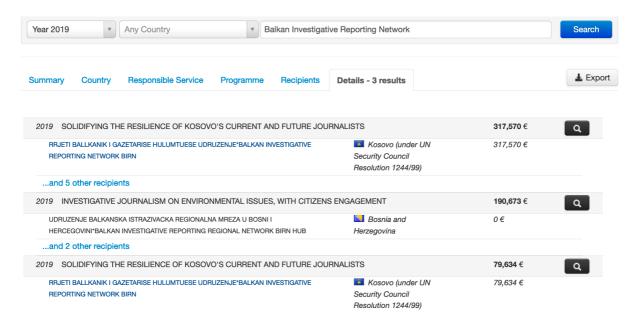


€58,213 for the Islamic Youth Forum North Macedonia (see above 1.3.)

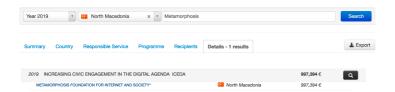


3.2. Kosovo

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network BIRN: €397,204



Metamorphosis North Macedonia (997,394 €) and Open Data Kosovo, Center for Research Transparency and Accountability Serbia (CRTA) and NGOs in Estonia, Albania and Montenegro for the project "Increasing Civic Engagement in the Digital Agenda" (see above 3.1.)

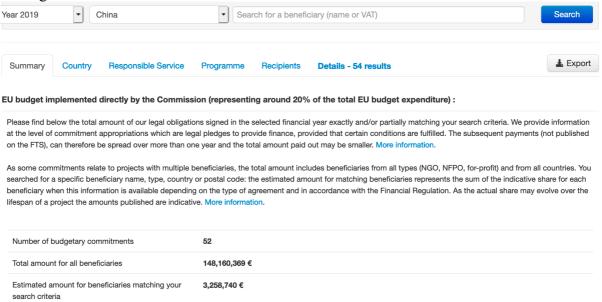


Over a million Euros were shared between *Reactor* North Macedonia (€1,241,535), the *Kosovo Women's Network* and NGOs in Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia & Hercegovina and Sweden for the project "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process." (see above 3.1.)

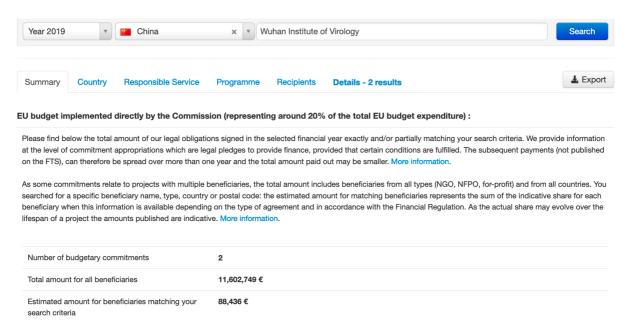


4. China

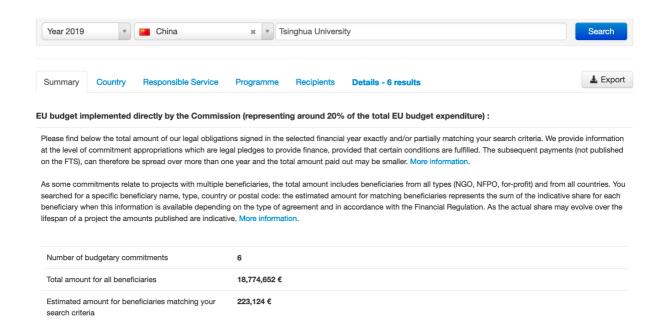
Nonetheless, the EU Commission sponsored €148,160,369 worth of programs involving China in 2019, including at least €3,258,740 of taxpayer Euros going directly to Chinese institutions and organisations.



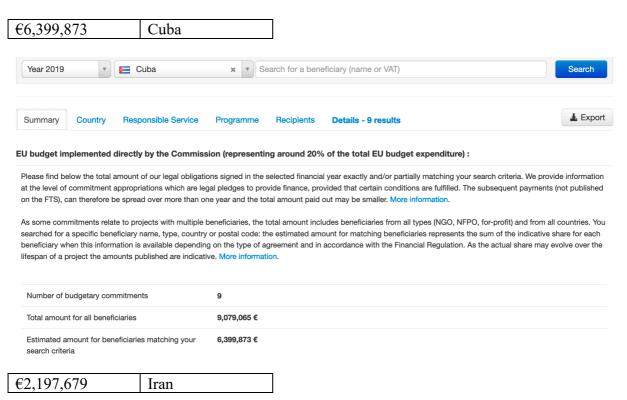
This includes programs costing €11,602,749 associated with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which has been cited as being at least partially responsible for the outbreak of the Corona pandemic; €88,436 went directly to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which has been alleged to have ties to the bioweapons program of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

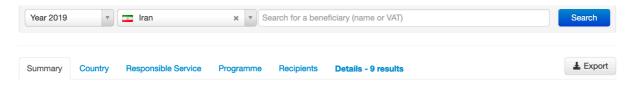


€18,774,652 went to programs involving Tsinghua University, the elite cadre school of the CCP, of which at least €223,124 went directly to Tsinghua University.



5. Iran, Cuba, Venezuela





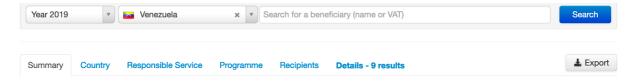
EU budget implemented directly by the Commission (representing around 20% of the total EU budget expenditure):

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As some commitments relate to projects with multiple beneficiaries, the total amount includes beneficiaries from all types (NGO, NFPO, for-profit) and from all countries. You searched for a specific beneficiary name, type, country or postal code: the estimated amount for matching beneficiaries represents the sum of the indicative share for each beneficiary when this information is available depending on the type of agreement and in accordance with the Financial Regulation. As the actual share may evolve over the lifespan of a project the amounts published are indicative. More information.

Number of budgetary commitments	9	
Total amount for all beneficiaries	6,178,030 €	
Estimated amount for beneficiaries matching your search criteria	2,197,679 €	

€3,144,539 Venezuela



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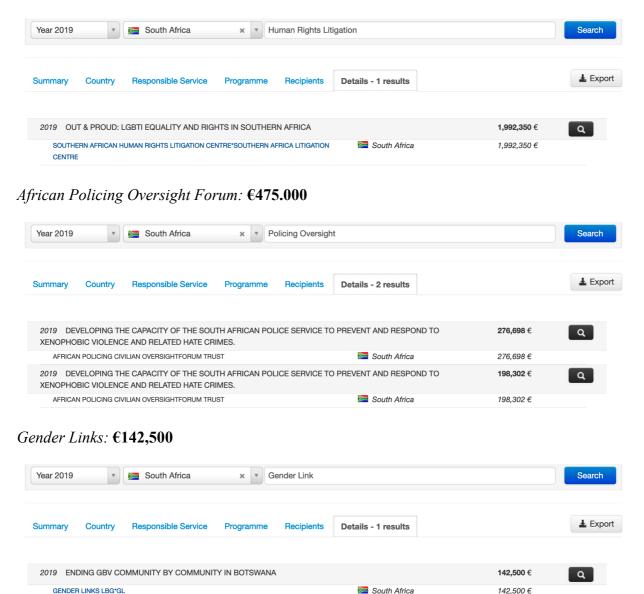
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Number of budgetary commitments	9		
Total amount for all beneficiaries	4,510,020 €		
Estimated amount for beneficiaries matching your search criteria	3,144,539 €		

6. South Africa

Southern Africa Human Rights Litigation Centre (SALC): €1,992,350



Gender Links and the Women and Law in Southern Africa Research Trust (WLSA): €989,764

