

On 25/08/2021 11:01, Fredrik Erixon wrote:

Good morning,

Please find my responses below. If you plan to edit my comments before publishing them, I take it you will allow me to read the edits first.

Best regards,

Fredrik Erixon

Director, ECIPE

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margarida <margarida@corporateeurope.org

Subject: Questions regarding ECIPE's relationship with tech firms

Date: 23 August 2021 at 19:41:42 CEST

To:

Dear Ms. Macyra,

I work for an NGO called Corporate Europe Observatory, a research and campaign group concerned with the access and influence enjoyed by corporations and their lobby groups in EU policy-making: <http://corporateeurope.org/>

I am currently preparing a report on the lobbying power of tech firms and I would like to ask you a few questions about the relationship between ECIPE and Big Tech companies.

It would be very useful to understand more about this from your side, I would appreciate receiving a response before Friday the 27th of August. I am writing to you as Head of Communications but, if that is not appropriate, please feel free to pass on my request to the relevant person.

1. Can you provide us with a full list of funders of ECIPE?

Yes, the document is attached.

2. Why does ECIPE not publish an overview of its funders on its website or Transparency Register entry?

We publish what we are required to publish and share information about our sponsor to anyone who is interested.

3. We note that in the policy briefing “Too Big to Care” or “Too Big to Share”: The Digital Services Act and the Consequences of Reforming Intermediary Liability Rules, ECIPE disclosed that its work on Europe’s digital economy is funded by firms like Amazon, Ericsson, Google, Microsoft, Rakuten, SAP and Siemens.

What involvement do these firms have with ECIPE’s work?

They have provided funding to ECIPE.

4. In October 2020, ECIPE published the study “Economic Costs of Ex ante Regulations” funded by Google. What was the involvement of Google in the making of this report?

Google agreed to provide funding for the report.

5. How do you respond to concerns that funding think-tanks like ECIPE is a component of Big Tech's EU lobbying strategy?

I say that if they are interested to talk about our work I am happy to do so. We are rooted in the ideas of classical liberalism and believe in open societies, economies and borders. We think economies work better when there is less regulation rather than more regulation. If people have problems with that - fine. But we don't work in that spirit because some is paying us to say something. Those that are interested in our work will also know that quite often our analyses come to very different conclusions than what one, several or all of the Big Tech firms want to see happening.

6. Do you have any other comments to make about these issues?

No.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Margarida Silva

European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)

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