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Subject: Registration of the European Citizens' Initiative 'Wake Up Europe'

How does the Commission justify its disregard for the principle of ensuring full transparency in connection with the organisers of the European Citizens' Initiative entitled 'Wake Up Europe' (ECI(2015)000005)? Did the Commission exercise due care in examining whether the organisers were assuming an obligation which ran contrary to the legislation and fundamental rules governing their organisation?

Recital (9) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 states that: 'Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote a citizens' initiative, provided that they do so with full transparency.'

The organisers of the 'Wake Up Europe' European Citizens' Initiative, the Wake Up Foundation, state on their own website that, as they are subject to the law on charities, they have no political affiliation and are not allowed to take part in political campaigns ('Neither the founders as individuals nor the Foundation itself has any political affiliation. As a charity registered under UK law, the Foundation is anyway barred from political campaigning.').