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# **REPORT**

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## **Threads of corruption of the USAID scandal in Hungary**

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## SUMMARY

The suspension of payments by the United States Agency of International Development (USAID) revealed that the government agency had managed an extremely complex, multi-stage, intricate funding scheme, in which it had also given a role to its allied private equity funds. The machinery was built and operated to conceal the real source and purpose.

In cooperation with its allied private equity funds and other US government and public institutions, USAID distributed tens of billions of dollars around the world. The funds may have benefited not only activist groups and media companies exerting political pressure and linked to the network, but also extremist groups and terrorist organisations.

The agency did not serve the interests of the US government in power at any given time and the citizens, but the Democratic Party and its associated business circles, as well as the international progressive ideological camp. The international network controlled by the agency was shared with the European Commission's funding scheme, and its coordinating agencies were funnelled money from the American and European taxpayers.

In 2021, USAID announced the Central Europe Programme, which focused primarily on Hungary and Poland, but Hungary was the main target. The funding and resource allocation of the programme, which is grouped into four thematic areas, is non-transparent in a manner typical of the network's operation, and communication about it is vague and contradictory. Regional and local organisations cooperating in the allocation of funds were expected to hide the origin of the money.

USAID funding in Hungary reached political parties and politicians both indirectly and directly and drove the activity of the supported political pressure organisations.

# The trail of American public funds to political pressure organisations in Hungary

## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FUNDS



## PUBLIC MONEY TO "PRIVATE MONEY"



## FOREIGN MONEY TO "DOMESTIC MONEY"



## POLITICAL PRESSURE EXERTION AND PROPAGANDA

