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Answer given by Mr Füle  
on behalf of the Commission  
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There is no secrecy surrounding the attribution of EU funds for Palestine. Allocations to the Palestinian Authority and other beneficiaries (in particular the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and the Office of the President of the Palestine Liberation Organisation for funding for East Jerusalem) from the European Neighbourhood Partnership Instrument are approved by the Management Committee, consisting of representatives of all Member States. Details of such funding are available on the websites of the EU Representative Office in East Jerusalem and of the Directorate-General for Development and Co-operation in Brussels<sup>1</sup>.

Insofar as funding of projects implemented by civil society organisations is concerned, funds are awarded on the basis of public calls for proposals, the guidelines for which are published in the two websites referred to above. The results of the calls are published, together with information on the projects selected. Only activities foreseen in the detailed budgets of these proposals are eligible for funding. All beneficiaries are required to submit interim narrative and financial reports, together with a final expenditure verification report from an independent auditor. The EU also regularly carries out results-oriented monitoring and evaluations of such projects and activities through external contractors.

The Commission also refers the Honourable Member to its replies to previous questions E-003077/2013, E-003303/2013, E-003330/2013 and P-003198/2013<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=134082&userlanguage=en>.

[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/israel/funding\\_opportunities/grants/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/israel/funding_opportunities/grants/index_en.htm).

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/fr/parliamentary-questions.html>.