

**Question for written answer E-000264/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
Franz Obermayr (NI)**

Subject: Financial support for the Muslim Association of Ireland Friendly Society (MAI)

In 2012 the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs approved EU funding to the tune of EUR 449 816 for a project entitled: 'Shariah-Based Communicative Approach to Prevent and Fight Contemporary Forms of Radicalization Leading to Home-Grown Terrorism in the EU'. The lead manager among several applicants is the 'Muslim Association of Ireland Friendly Society' (MAI).

MAI and its members form part of the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood: specifically, the organisation is a member of the Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe (FIOE), the main umbrella organisation of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe. In 2008, for instance, MAI organised an event with the Hamas activist Azzam Tamimi, who has already repeatedly made positive comments about the martyrdom of Palestinians.

1. Is the Commission aware that the Muslim Association of Ireland forms part of the worldwide network of the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood?
2. How does the Commission ensure, in financing projects, that applicants respect the EU's democratic institutions and do not abuse them in order to achieve their goal of an Islamised legal order?
3. What is meant by a 'Shariah-based Communicative Approach', and how does the Commission justify the use of EU funds in this connection?