

**Question for written answer E-012366/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Funding for radical Islamism in Europe

In July 2015, *The Times* reported that a foundation called Europe Trust, backed by generous donors from Gulf States with ties, according to *The Times*, to Hamas and al-Qaeda, had acquired university accommodation in Leeds. Through their rental payments, the student lodgers are unwittingly funding projects supported by the Muslim Brotherhood. Among the members of the governing board are a Jordanian imam convicted over the running of an illegal circumcision clinic and the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Turkey. According to *Marianne*, a French magazine, *The Times* has passed on the findings of its investigation directly to Downing Street.

Is the Commission aware of these reports?

While multiculturalism should be protected and encouraged, this case appears to highlight what amounts to a funding operation for radical Islam in Europe. What can the EU do to tackle this problem?