

Question for written answer E-004631/2016/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 130
Franz Obermayr (ENF)

Subject: Islamists and anti-Semites in Parliament at the invitation of the S&D Group?

On 24 May 2016, at the invitation of the European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion (EMISCO) and the S&D Group, a High Level Working Session took place in the European Parliament on 'Muslim communities' response to extremism'. A Commission representative was also present.

Speakers included Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham (EMISCO Chair), a British politician expelled from the Labour Party in 2013, apparently for having made anti-Semitic remarks¹. Many Turkish associations and pro-AKP lobby groups, such as UETD², are listed as co-organisers, as are FEMYSO, a group repeatedly named as being a member of the extremist Muslim Brotherhood organisation³. The Commission was represented by Dr David Friggieri, Coordinator on combating anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

1. Did the Commission provide funding for the event?
2. Is the Commission aware that Lord Nazir Ahmed was expelled from the Labour Party following accusations of anti-Semitism?
3. Is the Commission aware that the organisers included Islamist groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood?

¹ <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-22515470>.

² <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/migrantenpartei-big-erdogans-berliner-lobby-truppe-a-786207.html>.

³ <http://www.verfassungsschutz-bw.de/Lde/1946019>.