

**Question for written answer E-006255/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Turkey as a sponsor of Islamism

According to a media report, the German Government now regards Turkey as a 'central action platform' for Islamist and terrorist organisations in the Middle East.

The official source mentioned in the report is the first to have claimed that the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has direct links to a terrorist organisation (Hamas). That view is based on assessments by the German Federal Intelligence Agency¹. This raises the following questions:

1. Can it be guaranteed for certain that Turkey is not likewise supporting the so-called IS in Syria?
2. How can EU membership negotiations with Turkey be defensible if Turkey is supporting Islamism?
3. If Turkey is offered a visa-free regime, how are terrorists to be prevented from entering the EU expressly with Turkish help?

¹ Source: <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article157698398/Bundesregierung-sieht-Tuerkei-als-Islamismus-Foerderer.html>.