

**Question for written answer E-001311/2017  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Spying by Islamic organisations in the EU

According to reports published in Germany in late January, a number of Ditib imams, who, given that they were sent to Germany by the Turkish Government and are receiving funding from the same source, have the status of Turkish government officials abroad, have apparently been spying on supporters of the Fethullah Gülen movement and teachers in schools<sup>1</sup>.

The order to spy presumably comes directly from Ankara – according to its statute, Ditib is an offshoot of Diyanet, which is controlled from Ankara.

Austria – which has a counterpart organisation called Atib – is another country where Islamic organisations and imams have been sent, and are being financed, from abroad.

1. Does the Commission have any information to suggest that Islamic organisations are spying in other countries as well?
2. How does it view the fact that the organisations and imams are financed and recruited from abroad?
3. What is it doing to curb activities of the kind described or impose appropriate penalties?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/ditib-islamverband-verrat-in-der-moschee-a-1130738.html>.