

**Question for written answer P-002015/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
Marina Yannakoudakis (ECR)**

Subject: The Ma'an Network and EU funding

1. In December 2008 the Ma'an Network in the West Bank was awarded EUR 600 000 from the EuropeAid budget line 'Maximizing EU presence in the ENP and beneficiary countries'. Could the Commission confirm whether or not this contract has ended and whether additional funding has been provided to the Ma'an Network under this or any other EU budget line? If the project has ended, could the Commission provide me with a copy of the final report?
2. Is the Commission aware that the Ma'an News Agency, part of the Ma'an Network, recently published an article denying the Holocaust, presenting it as a Jewish lie and a 'myth'? They also denigrated the value of Holocaust Memorial Day calling it a 'so-called memorial day'.
3. Does the Commission agree with me that this is an insult to the 6 million Jews killed during the Holocaust?
4. If there is any ongoing funding to the Ma'an Network, does the Commission pledge to suspend such funding and to ensure that the Ma'an Network and the Ma'an News Agency are ineligible for future EU funding?
5. Will the European Union Technical Office for the West Bank and Gaza Strip issue a statement condemning the anti-Semitic statements by the Ma'an News Agency and monitor the Palestinian media for future instances of anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial, ensuring that none of the media involved are in receipt of EU funding?