

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1189/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Second version of the EUMC report on anti-Semitism

On 31 March, the second version of the EUMC report on anti-Semitism was presented in Strasbourg. The first version of the report was not released, reportedly because the conclusion that most anti-Semitic acts are committed by Islamic immigrants was considered politically undesirable. The official reason for withholding the report was that its scientific methodology was inadequate.

How much is the unpublished study estimated to have cost?

The passage 'The history of the report' (pp. 9 and 10 of the English version) in the report explains why the original study was not considered satisfactory. The main reason was evidently that the period surveyed was too short.

Could not this problem have been foreseen, either before the study began or while the data were being collected?

'For this and other reasons, it was decided by the EUMC that the NFPs should maintain a special focus on antisemitism during 2003' (p. 10). Can the Commission specify what these 'other reasons' were?