

**Question for written answer E-004268/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Memorandum of understanding between EU and Israel

On 19 July 2013 the Commission published guidelines excluding entities established or active in Israeli settlements in Palestine from receiving financial support from the EU. According to the information given by the Commission, the guidelines were applicable as from January 2014. In the meantime, the Commission and Israel were supposed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU).

The text of the MoU on Israel's association with the Horizon 2020 programme was initialled on 18 December 2013.

In this context, can the Vice-President / High Representative provide the following information:

1. Have the guidelines been fully implemented in respect of the Horizon 2020 programme?
2. Has the text of the MoU been finalised?
3. If the text of the MoU has not yet been signed, when we can expect the agreement to be finalised?
4. Has Horizon 2020 entered into force? Can Israel participate in it? If so, on what basis? If not, when will it be able to participate?