

**Question for written answer E-002592/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU funding for organisations legitimising terror and incitement

Two Palestinian organisations, the Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC) and the Democracy and Workers' Rights Centre (DWRC), receive EU funding despite legitimising terror and incitement against Israeli civilians.

The WCLAC received EUR 2.5 million from the EU's East Jerusalem Programme for a project that is due to come to an end in April 2019. The organisation has filed a complaint to the United Nations concerning the 'Frequent targeting of Palestinian human rights defender, Manal Tamimi'. Mrs Tamimi is a fieldworker for the WCLAC who has incited violence and glorified terrorism numerous times on Twitter, on one occasion tweeting: 'Vampire zionist celebrating their Kipur day by drinking Palestinian blood, yes our blood is pure & delicious but it will kill u at the end'. In August 2015, she tweeted: 'I do hate Israel, (sic) wish a thrid Intefada (sic) coming soon and people rais (sic) up and kills all these zionist settlers everywhere'. Additionally, in February 2017 she was invited to speak at an EU-funded conference in Barcelona on 'preventing violent extremism'.

For its part, the DWRC, together with two partner organisations, received EUR 583 986 from the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for a project which is set to come to an end in June 2018.

In light of the activities and statements of the respective beneficiaries, does the EU intend to follow through with the aforementioned projects?