

Question for written answer E-002973/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Transparency of funding for NGOs operating in the Middle East

In May 2018, the Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy of the State of Israel published an in-depth analysis denouncing direct and indirect EU funding for NGOs promoting anti-Israel delegitimisation and boycotts.

The data reveal direct funding amounting to five million euros in 2016, to which indirect resources provided via third party NGOs should be added, although there are insufficient data to determine the full scope of such funds.

In light of VP/HR Federica Mogherini's declarations stressing the EU's opposition to boycotts against Israel and its firm rejection of BDS attempts to isolate Israel, the VP/HR is asked the following question:

How does the Commission intend to improve its screening procedures with regard to the allocation of funding to NGOs operating in the fragile area of the Middle East?