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to the Commission
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Subject: Funding for the Norwegian Refugee Council

According to the Financial Transparency System (EU FTS), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) received EUR 284 797 in 2012 from the European Instrument for Human Rights (EIDHR) for 'Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance in the Gaza Strip'. In the same year, NRC received EUR 1 400 000 from the Humanitarian Aid Instrument (HAI) for 'Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) for the protection of Palestinians affected by or at risk of displacement'. 'NRC Europe', registered in Belgium, received another EUR 1 000 000 from the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) for the same project.

For 2014, the EU FTS reports EUR 2 100 000 for NRC's ICLA project from the HAI.

For 2015, the EU FTS reports EUR 5 250 000 for NRC for the 'protection of Palestinians in the West Bank ... from forcible transfer', and EUR 1 050 000 for 'support to IDPs and those at risk of displacement in the Gaza Strip', while 'NRC Europe' received EUR 1 499 988 from the ENI for ICLA for 'Palestinians affected by or at risk of displacement'.

Why did the Commission fund the same project through three different instruments and via two separately registered entities?