

**Question for written answer E-003739/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding of the 'European Islamophobia Report 2018' by the European Union

As reported on the website of Turkey's SETA Foundation, which is a political, economic and social research body based in Ankara, the European Union backed financially the 'European Islamophobia Report 2018' which SETA, its author, says was published to analyse the problem of anti-Muslim racism in the EU.

The study, which bears the logo of the Turkish Treasury, blacklists a number of different European daily newspapers that it considers 'guilty' of having inaugurated an anti-Islam message, and lists names of European writers and politicians 'responsible', in its eyes, for stigmatising Islam.

According to journalistic sources, the SETA Foundation is apparently linked to the Erdoğan government, which is better known for oppressing freedom of the press.

In view of this:

- Will the Commission explain in detail the grounds for granting the SETA Foundation EU funding?
- Does it consider it reasonable that a research body from outside the EU takes it upon itself to draw up proscription lists aimed at criminalising European journalists, intellectuals, operators and politicians for their opinions?
- Does it consider publication of this list of alleged 'Islamophobics' a threat to the safety of the people named and the journalists of the newspapers blacklisted by the SETA Foundation?