The report on Islamophobia in Europe in 2018 is the outcome of a project that is part of the EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue (CSD) programme, financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA). This programme was part of the 2015 IPA programming year for Turkey; at that time, the implementation modality for this programme, as for other actions, was indirect management by Turkey. The EU Department of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs was entrusted with the management of the CSD programme. The Commission was not involved in the selection process of the projects to be funded under this programme; its role was to ensure that strict rules were applied regarding the way in which grants were awarded, in particular, transparency and equal treatment.

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The contract with SETA amounts to EUR 126,951.81, of which the EU funds 90%. Since 2017, the Commission has stopped entrusting Turkey with the management of EU funds in support to civil society.