

**Question for written answer E-006313/2020/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: Participation of Islamist organisations in research projects in the humanities and social sciences

An opinion piece written by anthropologist Florence Bergeaud-Blackler and published on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 by the French magazine *Le Point* on research in Europe and the funding of the Muslim Brotherhood¹ denounces the growing influence of organisations linked directly or indirectly to the Islamist movement, and in particular to the Muslim Brotherhood, on the expert evaluation and composition of research projects funded by the European Union in the humanities and social sciences.

Backing up her case with numerous examples, the author of the article brings up the organisations' concerted activities at continental level and the deviations from the principles and objectives of this research, which is funded by the European taxpayer. In this way, they appear to be taking advantage of a certain (culpable?) naivety among a few officials loyal to the dogma of political correctness to finance Islamist propaganda, the aim of which is certainly not the affirmation of the fundamental rights of the Union, but the exact opposite.

Does the Commission plan to open an investigation into the role and funding of Islamist organisations within the framework of research projects in the humanities and social sciences?

¹ https://www.lepoint.fr/debats/l-europe-de-la-recherche-et-le-financement-des-freres-musulmans-18-11-2020-2401643_2.php