

**Question for written answer E-006441/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Participation of the Israeli Ministry of Public Security in EU-funded project ROXANNE

The EU-funded collaborative research and innovation project, Roxanne (Real time network, text and speaker analytics for combating organized crime), comprises 24 European organisations from 16 countries, 11 of which are law enforcement agencies from 10 different countries.

Among them is the infamous Israeli Ministry of Public Security, which is responsible for the Israeli National Police (including the border police) and the Israeli Prison Service.

The ministry's activities have led to a wide range of well-documented human rights abuses and the continuation of serious violations of international law, including the continuation and entrenchment of Israel's illegal settlements.

So far, Portugal's Ministry of Justice and Belgium's University of Leuven have both withdrawn from other projects which feature the Ministry of Public Security as a partner.

1. In view of the serious human rights violations committed by the Ministry of Public Security, what is the Commission's position regarding the inclusion of this partner in an EU-funded project? Does the Commission consider the ministry to be an appropriate partner to work with?
2. Can the Commission explain in more detail the role and involvement of the ministry in this EU project?