

**Question for written answer E-000069/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Should the combating of so-called 'Islamophobia' be entrusted to Islamist extremists?

The European Union's research and innovation programme seeks to 'contribute to tackling societal challenges'. It has been the subject of criticism, since through it the EU offers material assistance to 'researchers' who follow Islamist ideology. Similarly, in the name of combating 'exclusion' and the concept of 'Islamophobia', the Commission is providing support, including financial support, to associations such as the European Muslim Network, the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations, the Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe, *Collectif Contre l'Islamophobie en France* and the European Network Against Racism, which coordinates a 'European Coalition against Islamophobia'. One thing all these associations have in common is that they are close to the Muslim Brotherhood and spread the notion that the Muslim community is the victim of 'systemic discrimination' and that Muslims should be seen as a minority and enjoy specific rights. Europe is now the scene of bloody Islamist terrorism at regular intervals, and whole districts of our cities are breaking from our rules and values. Is the Commission aware of this drifting apart? Will it continue to entrust the task of combating 'Islamophobia' and theorising about this to 'researchers' and religious extremist organisations which are playing the part both of judge and defendant?