

**Question for written answer E-001303/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Monitoring the distribution and financing of Islamist propaganda

On 16 October 2020, the French Minister of the Interior announced his intention to dissolve¹ the 'Collective Against Islamophobia in France' (CCIF)², citing allegations that it had engaged in 'Islamist propaganda' in connection with the murder of teacher Samuel Paty. Shortly afterwards, the CCIF announced that it would base itself outside France³ and planned to transfer its financial assets abroad. In October 2020, the Collective for Countering Islamophobia in Europe (CCIE)⁴ was set up in Belgium to - in its own words - continue the fight against Islamophobia.

1. Using the full extent of its powers, will the Commission encourage cross-border investigations to address the allegations concerning the distribution of Islamist propaganda by the CCIF/CCIE and its partner organisations?
2. Are investigations being conducted into the financing of the CCIF/CCIE from outside the Union?
3. How will the Commission monitor organisations like the CCIF, BarakaCity and Collectif Cheikh-Yassine, which have been banned by the French Government and are likely to set up operations in other Member States?

¹ <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/belgique-une-association-soupconnee-de-vouloir-relancer-le-ccif-dissous-en-france-20210224>

² https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collectif_contre_l%27islamophobie_en_France

³ https://www.bfmtv.com/societe/religions/le-ccif-s-auto-dissout-pour-eviter-sa-dissolution-par-le-gouvernement_AD-202011270291.html

⁴ The CCIE was formally established on 1 November 2020 and its statutes were officially published on 13 January 2021.