

**Question for written answer E-002254/2021/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Funding from the Commission's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs for the European Muslim Union, whose co-founder and president has attracted attention for antisemitic hate speech

In its declaration on fighting antisemitism of December 2020, the Council expressed concern about the increase in threats to Jewish people in the EU and the resurgence of conspiracy myths, as well as the increase in antisemitic incidents and hate crime. In response, the Member States have agreed to mainstream the prevention and tackling of antisemitism in all its forms.

This stands in stark contrast to the funding for the European Muslim Union provided by the Commission's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) through the OPEN project of the Internal Security Fund police programme. Co-founder and president of the European Muslim Union, Andreas Abu Bakr Rieger, has in the past attracted attention for antisemitic hate speech and still displays pictures of himself with people linked to antisemitism, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas<sup>1</sup>.

1. Is the Commission aware of the antisemitic statements expressed by the president of the European Muslim Union and if not, will it launch an investigation?
2. What mechanisms does the Commission have to review and rule out cooperation with non-governmental organisations spreading antisemitism in whatever form?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that it will immediately end funding for and cooperation with non-governmental organisations with a proven record of antisemitic statements and actions?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.abubakrrieger.de/biografie-2/begegnungen/>