

**Question for written answer E-004337/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Tackling hate speech, and the Council of Europe's consultation with Muslim organisations

On 22 June, Daniel Hölting, the Council of Europe's Special Representative on anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes, announced that the ECRI¹ was preparing a 'recommendation to governments on how to tackle hate speech, including on the Internet, from a human rights perspective'². Mr Hölting also presented the initial results of a consultation with Muslim organisations from Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Norway, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom.

However, neither Mr Hölting nor the website revealed the nature of these organisations³. On the pretext of combating Islamophobia, the European institutions and the Commission welcome, listen to, have financed or continue to finance extremist Islamic organisations within the sphere of influence of the Muslim Brotherhood (particularly the CCIB⁴ and FEMYSO⁵, partners of the ENAR⁶), and until recently the Collective against Islamophobia in France (CCIF)⁷, which was finally disbanded in December 2020⁸.

What makes the Commission so sure that the Islamic organisations it finances are sincere and fully respect European values?

¹ European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (of the Council of Europe)

² *Europe Daily Bulletin* No 12746

³ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-commission-against-racism-and-intolerance/newsroom>

⁴ Collective against Islamophobia in Belgium

⁵ Forum of European Muslim Youth & Student Organisations

⁶ European Network Against Racism

⁷ <https://frontpopulaire.fr/o/Content/co272781/le-ccif-subventionne-par-la-commission-europeenne>

⁸ https://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/societe/le-ccif-menace-de-dissolution-par-le-gouvernement-annonce-s-etre-auto-dissous_2139587.html