

Question for written answer E-005129/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission funding for promotion of the hijab

On 2 November 2021, a Council of Europe campaign promoted the hijab by stating: 'beauty is in diversity as freedom is in hijab', not hesitating to associate the Islamic veil, the ultimate symbol of women's submission, with freedom.

This campaign was funded by the Commission to the tune of EUR 340 000.

It was withdrawn due to international pressure, in particular from France. Nevertheless, the fact remains that this project was funded and approved by the authorities in Brussels.

Does the Commission admit to using European taxpayers' money to promote the submission of women? Does the Commission truly consider the Islamic veil to be a symbol of freedom?