Subject: The Muslim Brotherhood's influence

The Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO), founded in 1996, is an international umbrella movement. The conclusion reached in a 2005 report by the Baden-Württemberg security service in Germany, and by a number of experts, is that FEMYSO is controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe and supported by Saudi sponsors. FEMYSO's member organisations include the youth wing of the Islamic Community Millî Görüş, which is under surveillance by Germany's federal domestic security service. The groups are known to have close ties, through individuals, in spite of verbal distancing and concealment efforts.

The Muslim Brotherhood, for its part, is the nucleus for the extremist Islamic ideology termed 'political Islam' or, simply, Islamism That ideology is typified not only by the conviction that a system of government must be underpinned uncompromisingly, and in a fundamentalist manner, by Sharia, the Qur'an and Sunna, but also by antisemitism.

According to the Commission’s written reply, FEMYSO received EUR 35 000 and EUR 49 881 between 2010 and 2014 under, respectively, the Youth in Action and Erasmus+ programmes.

1. What measures is the Commission taking to put a stop to cooperation with, and financial support for, FEMYSO?

2. What are the reasons for the Commission’s view that there can be further political involvement for FEMYSO in spite of its religious extremist and terrorist nature?