

**Question for written answer E-003176/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Nicolas Bay (NI)

Subject: Erasmus+ funding for the Muslim Brotherhood

In 2022 and 2023, the Commission will provide funding to the Al Sharq Forum¹ of more than EUR 100 000.

The Al Sharq Forum describes itself as an NGO that aims to consolidate the values of pluralism and justice by securing human rights, but its priority programme is political Islam².

The association was created by Palestinian Wadah Khanfar, former director of Al Jazeera and known for his direct links with the Muslim Brotherhood and radical Islam³⁴. Its Director of Strategic Research and of the Al Sharq Academia, Mohammad Affan, admits to being a former Salafist and to having left the Muslim Brotherhood because it 'lacked creativity and strategy'⁵.

Could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does it believe that the values of the Al Sharq Forum and its leaders are compatible with those of the EU?
2. Does it intend to carry out a comprehensive review of grants to organisations linked to radical Islam and Muslim Brotherhood networks?
3. Will it undertake to stop subsidising radical Islam with European taxpayers' money?

¹ <https://twitter.com/DamienRieu/status/1549457657265889280?s=20&t=fJZDEmnF7UJSEkuPZZ15Nw>

² <https://www.sharqforum.org/al-sharq-forum-2022-profile/>

³ <https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/price-aljazeeras-politics>

⁴ https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/mideast-journalists-allege-bias-in-al-jazeeras-reporting-on-morsi-and-muslim-brotherhood/2013/07/08/9166c364-e80e-11e2-aa9f-c03a72e2d342_story.html

⁵ <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2012/06/18/arab-summer>