

**Question for written answer E-003493/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Will the Commission stop financing the European Muslim Union, an NGO with Islamist ties?

The Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, led by Commissioner Ylva Johansson, provided more than EUR 500 000 to the OPEN project, which aims to tackle Islamic terrorism and prevent the radicalisation of young Muslims, in particular through NGO communication campaigns and training.

Yet in the name of this laudable goal, subsidies have been granted to two notorious NGOs: the European Muslim Union in France and the Weimar Institute in Germany.

Founded by Andreas 'Abu Bakr' Rieger, a German Muslim convert and member of the Islamic sect al-Mourabitoun, these two NGOs – like the Muslim Brotherhood – are seeking to establish a global caliphate. Despite his worrying background, under the OPEN project, Andreas Rieger was allowed to conduct online seminars on 'Islam in Europe' and 'Islam and politics'.

1. Why, despite being warned in 2021 about Andreas Rieger's convictions, has Ylva Johansson not cut subsidies to these NGOs?
2. Will the Commission cease all collaborative work with these NGOs, including in particular the twelve projects between Abu Bakr Rieger's European Muslim Union and Erasmus+?
3. Will it ask for the funds allocated to these NGOs with Islamist ties to be returned?