

**Question for written answer E-000073/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission confirms its support for dubious NGO

On 25 October 2022, the Commission received a written question on its support for the NGO 'European Muslim Union'. Founded by the hate-mongering Andreas 'Abu Bakr' Rieger, this NGO has been granted EU funds by the Commission for several years and collaborates with the institution in the framework of Erasmus+ projects.

In its response, the Commission explains that it 'ensures that projects that are incompatible with EU values do not receive EU funding'.

Yet, the European Muslim Union has received several hundred thousand euros, despite being founded by a person who said the following in 1993: 'Like the Turks, we Germans have often fought for a good cause throughout history, although I must admit that my grandfathers were not very thorough with our common main enemy', i.e. the Jews.

1. What does the Commission think about this statement?
2. Has antisemitism become an EU value?
3. Does the Commission intend to strengthen its selection criteria for granting funds to NGOs?

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