

**Question for written answer E-000184/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Relationship between MEP Andrea Cozzolino and an EU Islam expert

Italian MEP Andrea Cozzolino is suspected of receiving bribes from Morocco, and the Belgian Federal Prosecutor has asked for his immunity to be lifted in connection with this. The Secretary General of the Confederazione Islamica Italiana, who is listed on the Commission's website as an expert in Islamist-inspired extremism and a member of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)<sup>1</sup>, has the same last name as this MEP.

1. Is the Commission aware of this?
2. Will the Commission take any action to clarify potential links between these two individuals?
3. Should a link turn out to exist, what further steps does the Commission envisage taking?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/radicalisation-awareness-network-ran/ran-participants/dott-massimo-abdallah-cozzolino\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/radicalisation-awareness-network-ran/ran-participants/dott-massimo-abdallah-cozzolino_en).