

**Question for written answer E-001090/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of Arabic in Commission communications

In a recent speech published on the Commission's official website and social media accounts, Marion Lalissee, the recently appointed Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred, addressed the 'Muslims in the European Union' in Arabic.

Looking at the Treaties, Arabic does not appear to be one of the EU's 24 official languages. Nor is it the language of Islam: the most populous Muslim country is Indonesia, where people speak Indonesian Malay. Islam is practised in Farsi in Iran, in Urdu in Pakistan, etc.

Therefore, these remarks can actually be interpreted as an address to the ethnic minority populations in Europe who originate from the Maghreb and the Arabic-speaking Middle East, under the pretext of being an address to all Muslims on the basis of their faith.

In light of the official nature of the statements, this is also an infringement of the EU's principles on multilingualism.

Consequently, what sanctions does the Commission intend to impose on the official concerned?

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