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**Subject:** Funding of an Islamist association under the Erasmus+ programme

The Commission has provided over EUR 30 000 in funding to a Turkish association for the organisation of an Erasmus+ study visit on the theme of 'online Islamophobia'. However, the association concerned – which makes no secret of its proximity to the Turkish Government – is none other than the Ismailaga youth movement, an organisation close to the Taliban that Germany considers to be Islamist, and which takes the view that a woman should 'obey her master'. In 2015, when France was mourning the young people who had been shot dead in the attacks of 13 November, the youth movement that the Commission is funding insisted on relativising the manner in which the acts concerned were referred to. Following the brutal murder of history teacher Samuel Paty, who was beheaded after showing drawings of the prophet, the movement explained that Türkiye would 'protect Islam's honour against such insulting and immoral attitudes' and that Europe was 'an enemy of Islam'.

We have to react when support is given to associations and events like these.

How can the Commission justify this funding?

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