

**Question for written answer E-001356/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Stopping the normalisation of the Islamic veil in European institutions' communication campaigns

A number of EU and pan-European institutions have been producing communication campaigns that officially endorse wearing the Islamic veil:

– in November 2021, the Council of Europe launched a campaign co-financed by the European Union bearing the slogan 'freedom is in hijab';

– in September 2022, European Commission Twitter account @EUErasmusPlus used an image of a girl wearing an Islamic headscarf in a post publicising the European Innovative Teaching Award;

– in January 2023, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights also used a photo of a woman wearing a veil for a campaign about protecting human rights.

Many other posts funded by EU taxpayers openly lend support to this symbol of women's subjugation. They are an insult to women all over the world who are persecuted for refusing to wear a veil.

1. How can the European Commission claim to defend women's freedom while promoting their subjugation by the Islamic veil? In the Commission's view, is the veil consistent with European values?
2. If not, have internal inquiries been launched within the services involved to check that the integrity of the people behind those campaigns has not been compromised by foreign powers?

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