

**Question for written answer E-001409/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** EU funding for a youth group of a community with close links to Erdoğan

Various media outlets have reported that the European Union has awarded the youth organisation 'Yavuz Sultan Selim' at least EUR 31 455 in funding as part of the Erasmus+ programme. The youth organisation is part of the İsmail-Ağa community. Their founder has attracted attention for his extreme and misogynistic comments. What is more, the German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution classifies the İsmail-Ağa community as extremist.

1. Were these payments actually made, and if so, how much funding has the youth organisation received so far?
2. What EU projects and objectives are intended to be furthered through participation in the organisation 'Yavuz Sultan Selim'?
3. What precautionary measures has the Commission put in place so that no funding is awarded to youth or sub-organisations of extremist or Islamist associations?

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