

**Question for written answer E-002033/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** The Commission is giving preference to NGOs with links to the Muslim Brotherhood instead of releasing funds for European students!

At a time when the Commission has cut off more than 30 higher education and cultural establishments in Hungary from Horizon Europe and Erasmus funding because of alleged violations of the rule of law there, it has no hesitation in giving EUR 60 000 to the Erasmus+ project 'Young Muslims for a Europe with a future: inclusive, digital and sustainable' sponsored by three NGOs belonging to FEMYSO.

Florence Bergeaud Blackler, an anthropologist at the French National Centre for Scientific Research says that FEMYSO is the youth section of an organisation thought to be close to the Muslim Brotherhood called the Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe (FIOE), which represents Islamic fundamentalism in Europe<sup>1</sup>.

In fact, the aim of the project is to strengthen ties between NGOs with Brotherhood links and to create a European network of Muslim youth associations.

1. Does the Commission consider that the FIOE and the Muslim Brotherhood respect EU values?
2. Is the Commission aware that the project coordinator – the Valencia Islamic Cultural Centre – is no less than one of the most active and influential Brotherhood-linked organisations in Spain and, if so, does it intend to block funding for the project?
3. How did the Commission respond to the call by the French Minister for the Interior that FEMYSO should no longer receive any support from the European institutions<sup>2</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.marianne.net/societe/laicite-et-religions/femyso-ces-jeunes-europeens-qui-gravitent-dans-la-galaxie-des-freres-musulmans>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.marianne.net/societe/laicite-et-religions/islam-politique-la-france-a-ecrit-a-la-commission-europeenne-pour-denoncer-linfluence-du-femyso>