

**Question for written answer E-002105/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred in Europe

In 2015, the Commission appointed an EU coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred.

Since February 2023, Marion Lalissee has held this position. One of her recent statements sparked controversy. She referred to Shada Islam, an anti-racism lobbyist known for sharing similar ideological views to the Muslim Brotherhood, which is considered a terrorist organisation in many countries. In 2012, in a Pakistani newspaper, this lobbyist criticised *Charlie Hebdo's* caricatures, putting the satirical newspaper on an equal footing with Islamists. In the same article, she quoted Youssef al-Qardawi, the Muslim Brotherhood's 'guru'<sup>1</sup>.

In April 2022, Marion Lalissee published a picture of a woman wearing a hijab on Twitter<sup>2</sup>. Her stance is thus ambiguous at best.

1. Can the Commission say how much funding is made available annually to the EU coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred?
2. What does it make of Ms Lalissee's Islamism-friendly approach?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fdesouche.com/2023/06/23/la-coordinatrice-%f0%9f%87%aa%f0%9f%87%ba-a-la-lutte-contre-la-haine-anti-musulman-fustige-ceux-qui-cherchent-a-demontrer-que-lue-est-infiltree-par-les-freristes-tout-en-se-referant-a-une-lobbyi/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://twitter.com/MarionLalissee/status/1518195130070622209?s=20>