

**Question for written answer E-003708/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding for the organisation Islamic Relief Germany

Through the Erasmus+ programme, the Commission is currently funding a project by Islamic Relief Germany to the tune of EUR 58 640¹.

The organisation was banned by Israeli authorities in June 2014 on the ground that it forms part of Hamas' funding apparatus. The German Government has drawn attention to the personnel ties between the two organisations and stated in 2017 and 2019 that, to its knowledge, Islamic Relief Germany has significant personnel ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2014, the United Arab Emirates classified Islamic Relief as a terrorist organisation.

1. How can an organisation that has close ties to the terrorist organisation Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and has been banned by Israeli authorities be selected as a partner in the area of 'Inclusion, Promoting Equality And Non-Discrimination'?
2. In view of Islamic Relief's ties with terrorist organisations and Islamist associations, does the Commission intend to stop payments for the project it is funding or to reclaim money it has already paid?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose that Islamic Relief be registered in the EDES (Early Detection and Exclusion System)?

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¹ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2023-1-DE02-KA122-ADU-000127773>