

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3372/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Participation by the Arab citizens of Israel in EU programmes in which the State of Israel takes part

This question concerns, on the one hand, the various (EU-funded) programmes in which the State of Israel takes part, and, on the other, participation in those programmes by that section of the Israeli population which is of Arab origin. Since the latter make up one-fifth of the overall Israeli population, can the Commission state:

- whether it has information about participation by this sizeable population group in EU programmes, including the Framework Programme for Research, and if so, what information precisely?
- what importance, if any, it attaches to this problem and how this is reflected in practical measures?
- whether it is making specific efforts to encourage this population group to participate in EU-funded programmes, and if so, what form those efforts are taking?