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to the Commission
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Subject: European grants to Islamist organisations

The Commission’s financial transparency system ¹ was updated late June to ensure that it included grants awarded in 2019.

It can be seen that, in the period 2014-2019 alone, the Commission awarded directly or indirectly at least EUR 36.5 million to various associations with links to the radical Islam movement.

These links are either openly acknowledged, which is the case of organisations linked to the Muslim Brotherhood movement (ENAR, EMU and FEMYSO), and which a number of countries regard as a terrorist organisation, or are strongly suspected of having such links, which is the case of the supposedly charitable associations Muslim Aid and Islamic Relief, and at which countries such as Germany ², Spain ³ and Israel ⁴ point the finger. The Islamic Human Rights Commission can also be added to that list, a body which labelled Charlie Hebdo as ‘Islamophobic’ ⁵ just two months after the tragic attack of 7 January 2015.

1. Is the Commission prepared to carry out an in-depth audit of the grants it has awarded thus far to organisations with links to political islam or radical religious groups?

2. Does the Commission consider it normal that European tax payers are paying to finance the propaganda and development of Islamist networks?

3. Is the Commission prepared to cease immediately the awarding of grants to organisations with links to Islamists?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/budget/fts/index_en.htm