

**Priority question for written answer P-002830/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Possible links between FEMYSO and the Commission

To mark International Youth Day on 12 August 2022, the Commission released a video ‘to pay tribute to young people across the EU’¹. The Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO)², an organisation with links to the Muslim Brotherhood, was mentioned in the video.

On 18 November 2021, Commissioner Helena Dalli tweeted about her meeting with members of FEMYSO³.

The same month, a FEMYSO campaign about hijabs was pulled by the Commission after negative reactions by France⁴.

Lastly, FEMYSO is said to have received some EUR 210 000 of EU public funding⁵ since 2007.

On 22 July 2021⁶, I asked the Commission about the involvement of Forum Rinor Islam – which is said to be a member of FEMYSO⁷ – in ‘Connekt’, an EU project that receives Horizon 2020 funding.

1. Can the Commission confirm how much public funding has been granted to FEMYSO and any of its satellite organisations by the EU institutions?
2. Why does the Commission continue to include FEMYSO in its publicity campaigns?

¹ ‘the organisation with links to the Muslim Brotherhood’ <https://www.cnews.fr/videos/monde/2022-08-18/femyso-la-commission-europeenne-promeut-une-association-proche-des-freres>

² Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations

³ https://twitter.com/helenadalli/status/1461358263136448524?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw

⁴ <https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2021/11/23/eu-commissioner-faces-french-rebuke-for-meeting-muslim-brotherhood-linked-group/>

⁵ ‘EUR 210 000 in EU public funding (...) since 2007.’ <https://www.cnews.fr/videos/monde/2022-08-18/femyso-la-commission-europeenne-promeut-une-association-proche-des-freres>

⁶ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-003713_EN.html

⁷ ‘a member of the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO)’ *CEE Activities of the Muslim Brotherhood – Final Report: North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina & Conclusions for the Region*, National Security Programme, GLOBSEC, Counter Extremism Project.