

**Priority question for written answer P-000013/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU funding and radical Islam – the Erasmus+ programme

I asked the Commission about EU funding granted in 2017 and 2018 to Islamic Relief Worldwide<sup>1</sup>, an organisation linked to Islamic Relief, which, according to the Middle East Forum, was founded by 'prominent members of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood'<sup>2</sup>.

In a second written question, I asked the Commission about the inclusion of Islamic Relief Sverige and Islamic Relief Humanitäre Organisation in Deutschland e.V. in the list of organisations certified as humanitarian partners by the Commission<sup>3</sup>.

There are other examples of EU funding for organisations known or suspected to be close to radical Islam<sup>4</sup>.

For example, under the Erasmus+ programme, one of the beneficiaries of the 'Let's say stop to Islamophobia' project is the Strasbourg-based organisation 'European Muslim Union'. Its president<sup>5</sup>, Andreas Abu Bakr Rieger, is considered an 'Islamist' by the German authorities<sup>6,7</sup>.

1. Can the Commission say how much EU funding has been granted to the European Muslim Union?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent EU funding being granted to any organisation suspected of being close to radical Islam, including under, but not limited to, the Erasmus+ programme?

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<sup>1</sup> 'Islamic Relief (IR) founded by prominent members of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood', <https://www.meforum.org/61740/islamic-relief-subsidizes-terror>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-006812\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-006812_EN.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/about/weblistpartners.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2021-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000028820>

<sup>5</sup> [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreas\\_Abu\\_Bakr\\_Rieger](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreas_Abu_Bakr_Rieger)

<sup>6</sup> <https://mena-studies.org/muslim-brotherhoods-lobby-in-europe-reality-and-benefits/>

<sup>7</sup> Ibidem. 'The Weimar Institute for Humanities and Contemporary History, founded by the President of the European Islamic Union, Andreas Abubakar Rieger, has received European funding of 67.547 euros. Although the German authorities classified him as an "Islamist", according to reports by the Constitutional Protection Authority "Internal Intelligence" in 2009, 2010 and 2017 being active in the circles of Islamic extremism.'

<sup>8</sup> <http://emunion.fr/about-us/president/>