

**Question for written answer E-001867/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Financing the Al Sharq Forum using European funds

It is vital, today, that we ask questions about the use of European funds, which, far from protecting our citizens, sometimes seem to be used to finance organisations that are dangerously close to Islamism.

The case of the Al Sharq Forum is revealing. This organisation, with close ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, issued a call on 2 August for homage to be paid to Ismail Haniyeh¹, the leader of Hamas, an organisation recognised as a terrorist entity by the EU itself. However, between 2021 and 2023, the same EU paid EUR 110 279 to that organisation through the Erasmus+ programme.

1. How can the Commission justify funding for an organisation that is close to Salafist movements and which claims to support organisations described by the EU as terrorists? What criteria are used to justify the payment of such grants?
2. What specific action is being taken to prevent European taxpayers' money from being used to support entities that spread ideologies contrary to our values and that threaten the security of our nations?

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¹ <https://x.com/SharqYouth/status/1819454212763242596>