

**Question for written answer E-001869/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Early departure of Luis Miguel Bueno, the EU's Arabic spokesperson for the Middle East and North Africa

Luis Miguel Bueno, the EU's Arabic spokesperson for the Middle East and North Africa, left his post early on 31 July 2024. This was in the wake of growing controversy surrounding ambiguous statements on his part and his Islamist tendencies. On 24 July 2024, Commission Vice-President Josep Borrell defended Mr Bueno, deeming his statements to be in line with the role assigned to him as an EU official. Some of Mr Bueno's most controversial posts have nevertheless been removed from his official social media channels.

Luis Miguel Bueno made a particular splash in December 2023 with a video shared via ICESCO, an organisation influenced by the Muslim Brotherhood¹, in which he stated that 'Arabic has become a European language. The Arabic language and Arabic and Islamic culture are an integral part of the European Union and of European history and culture'.

1. Is an internal investigation on the cards to establish the reasons behind Mr Bueno's early departure?
2. What means is the Commission using to protect itself against entryism on the part of Islamist movements within the European institutions?

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¹ <https://www.revuedesdeuxmondes.fr/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/R2M-2020-12-109-119.pdf>.