

**Question for written answer E-002366/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** The EU's funding of Turkish NGOs

The Turkish Youth Foundation, TÜGVA<sup>1</sup>– the NGO of Bilal Erdoğan, the son of Türkiye's Islamist President, whose members swear lifelong allegiance to Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, promote Sharia law and express solidarity with the terrorist organisation Hamas – has so far received EU Commission grants amounting to hundreds of thousands of euro through European programmes such as Erasmus+. According to a recent article in Turkish newspaper Cumhuriyet, founding members of this foundation are also involved in the smuggling of e-cigarettes and tobacco products.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How much of European taxpayers' money has it given the NGO TÜGVA and on the basis of which criteria?
2. Despite numerous reports and a study carried out by research organisation CP Consulting, does the EU continue to fund, to this day, Turkish Islamist organisations whose members are even involved in organised crime activities?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.birgun.net/haber/tugva-ordu-kurucu-il-temsalcisi-ahmet-guler-gozaltina-alindi-evi-ve-isyerinde-kacak-mallar-bulundu-561923>