

**Question for written answer E-001734/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Israel's policy of water deprivation in the West Bank – is the EU funding water apartheid policy in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPts)?

Israel's policy of water deprivation in the West Bank has long affected many Palestinians and is well-documented by numerous civil society organisations.

The Israeli company Mekorot, Israel's national water company and the country's top agency for water management, has been implementing an apartheid policy in water management in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPts), illegally restricting access to water, depriving Palestinians of a sufficient water supply, and violating World Health Organization recommendations. In addition, Mekorot operates approximately 42 wells in the West Bank, mainly in the Jordan Valley region, which primarily supply Israeli settlements.

The EU previously funded Mekorot's technological capacity. During the 7th Framework Programme cycle, Mekorot received EUR 474.394.36 in funding, and during the Horizon 2020 cycle, the EU financed three projects with a total EU contribution of EUR 866.300.

We therefore ask the Commission the following:

1. Does the EU still provide funding to Mekorot?
2. How is the Commission monitoring and ensuring that EU funds are not used to finance the water apartheid policy in the oPts?

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