

Question for written answer E-002540/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: EU funding of Israeli companies involved in the ongoing genocide in Palestine

Last October, we sent the European Commission Question for written answer E-001930/2024/rev.1¹ on support from the Horizon Europe programme for Israeli companies involved in the ongoing genocide in Palestine. In response, the Commission said it was unaware of such practices and reiterated that the funded projects were closely monitored and conditional on respect for human rights in accordance with Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

However, a recent investigation by journalists² has revealed that EUR 42 million from the European Defence Fund, as well as funds from seven other European countries, have been allocated to the ACTUS project. EUR 14 million of this funding were provided to a subsidiary of Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel's leading defence company, for building drones. This support is in addition to the millions of euros from the Horizon programme dedicated to military research involving Israeli ministries and military companies³.

In light of the above:

1. Does the European Commission intend to condemn participation in the genocide in Gaza by Israeli companies receiving EU funds?
2. Does it plan to stop these companies from receiving EU financial support?
3. Will it propose suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement to the Council, in order to fully respect human rights commitments?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001930_EN.html

² <https://disclose.ngo/fr/article/la-france-et-leurope-finacent-sans-le-dire-lindustrie-militaire-israelienne>.

³ <https://www.lecho.be/economie-politique/europe/general/des-fonds-europeens-de-recherche-finacent-la-defense-israelienne/10609758.html>.