

**Question for written answer E-003015/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Comments by the Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life

Recent reporting by EUobserver revealed that the Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life levelled accusations of ‘ambient antisemitism’ at EU staff organising fundraisers, including bake sales, for starving people in Gaza. We have not found any mention in any of the Commission’s documents of the term ‘ambient antisemitism’.

The Coordinator also accused European citizens who have engaged in peaceful protest against Israel’s slaughter in Gaza as being somehow associated with Hamas or other extremist organisations. Moreover, the Coordinator challenged some reports by the UN on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

1. Does the Commission consider all fundraisers for charities, such as the Irish Red Cross in the case of the bake sales, to be responsible for ‘ambient antisemitism’?
2. Does the Commission think it is acceptable for a Commission official to be levelling baseless accusations against EU citizens exercising their peaceful right to protest?
3. Does the Commission know which UN reports the Coordinator was referring to, and did her comments represent the Commission’s position?

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