

Question for written answer E-004870/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU financing of Islamic University of Science and Technology of Gaziantep

In September 2024, the Journal du Dimanche revealed that the Islamic University of Science and Technology of Gaziantep (GIBTU) in Türkiye had been participating in the Erasmus+ programme since 2022 and the European Solidarity Corps since 2024, despite public support for Hamas expressed by its rector¹. On 7 December 2025, the newspaper reported² that GIBTU continued to receive EU funding under both programmes in 2025, even though its repeated support for Hamas was known and the internal investigation had not yet been concluded.

1. Is the Commission aware of the fact that its national partner in Türkiye has continued to develop partnerships and programs with GIBTU while it was still conducting internal research, and if so, how is this possible, and if not, how did this happen?
2. Does the Commission agree that all funding activities with this beneficiary or closely associated beneficiaries should be frozen until the Commission has concluded its investigation?
3. Could the Commission explain its procedure for suspending funds and clarify how it will ensure that, in the future, beneficiaries that are under internal investigation do not continue to receive EU funding?

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¹ <https://www.lejdd.fr/societe/erasmus-lunion-europeenne-sous-le-feu-des-critiques-pour-avoir-integre-une-universite-pro-hamas-150023>.

² <https://www.lejdd.fr/Societe/bruxelles-lue-persiste-a-financer-une-universite-pro-hamas-164739>