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Subject: Gaziantep Islamic Science and Technology University scandal: can Erasmus+ money fund radicalisation?

The Gaziantep Islamic Science and Technology University (GIBTU) has been receiving EU funding for several years, including from Erasmus+ (KA131-HED) and the European Solidarity Corps. However, serious concerns are surfacing regarding the compatibility of this support with EU values.

Since October 2024, GIBTU has been organising and promoting events glorifying the attacks of 7 October, calling them ‘a turning point in history that upheld the honour of the Ummah’, and circulating anti-Israeli slogans. In October 2025, the university hosted a forum bringing together controversial politico-religious figures, including the President of the Turkish National Agency, İlker Astarci. He has also appeared in public alongside the GIBTU rector, and renewed the university’s EU funding in August 2025.

Despite all this, the Commission tasked the Turkish National Agency with investigating whether GIBTU should be sanctioned.

1. Why was this assessment handed over to an organisation headed by a president with public and ideological ties to GIBTU?
2. Does the Commission believe that GIBTU’s recent activities are in keeping with EU values and warrant access to EU funding?
3. Does it intend to hand the investigation over to an independent body and to suspend funding if the allegations are confirmed?

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