

**Question for written answer E-000714/2026  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding for mosques

Several European countries have closed mosques and Islamic centres after it came to light that they were being used as instruments of radicalisation, recruitment and terrorist financing. In 2024, the German authorities closed four mosques because they were engaged in anti-constitutional and extremist activities<sup>1</sup>. In France, the Assalam mosque was closed recently after its leaders called for terrorism and violence against non-Muslims<sup>2</sup>. In Austria, seven mosques have been closed on the grounds of extremism<sup>3</sup>.

At the same time, there is extensive evidence that mosques across Europe have been used to recruit fighters for Islamic State<sup>4</sup>.

With the above in mind:

Can the Commission confirm that no EU funds have been or are being used to build, maintain or support mosques and Islamic centres?

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<sup>1</sup> Federal Ministry of the Interior (2024), <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/pressemitteilungen/EN/2024/07/exekutive3-en.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Le Dauphiné Libéré (2026), <https://www.ledauphine.com/faits-divers-justice/2026/02/16/elogue-du-djihad-arme-ideologie-islamiste-radicale-la-mosquee-assalam-fermee-pendant-six-mois-sur-decision-prefectorale>.

<sup>3</sup> The Local (2018), <https://www.thelocal.at/20180611/austrian-muslims-denounce-decision-to-close-mosques-and-expel-imams>.

<sup>4</sup> Combating Terrorism Center (2017), <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/the-berlin-attack-and-the-abu-walaa-islamic-state-recruitment-network/>; News Lines Magazine (2022), <https://newlinesmag.com/essays/from-afghanistan-to-syria-the-deadly-legacy-of-belgiums-jihadists/>; El País (2016), [https://english.elpais.com/elpais/2016/10/25/inenglish/1477383332\\_121178.html](https://english.elpais.com/elpais/2016/10/25/inenglish/1477383332_121178.html).