

**Priority question for written answer P-003178/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU and international funding to Gaza over the past 20 years

According to journalistic sources and independent analyses, an estimated USD 45 billion in international aid has been allocated to Gaza over the past 20 years. A significant share of these funds originated from the EU, either directly or indirectly. Nevertheless, Hamas, designated as a terrorist organisation by the EU since 2001, still exercises de facto control over the territory.

This raises serious concerns about the oversight and final use of EU funds allocated for humanitarian and development purposes. Around 13 000 UN employees are active in Gaza, with part of their salaries financed by the EU. Over the course of two decades, these staff never officially reported the construction of tunnels or the trafficking and stockpiling of weapons. Their presence and activities have not prevented these developments, raising doubts about the effectiveness and accountability of EU-funded operations.

We ask the Commission:

1. What is the total amount of EU funds disbursed bilaterally or multilaterally in favour of the Gaza Strip from 2004 to the present, and the funding breakdown per year, programme and disbursing channel?
2. What monitoring mechanisms have been applied to prevent the misuse of these funds by Hamas or related actors?
3. How does the Commission evaluate and oversee the role and mandate of UN personnel partially funded by the EU?

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