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**Question for written answer E-001952/24
to the Commission
Isabel Serra Sánchez (The Left), Irene Montero (The Left)
(4 October 2024)**

Subject: EU funding to Israeli companies and universities that are complicit in genocide in Palestine

Israel has been illegally occupying the Palestinian territories for 76 years, committing systematic violations of international law, including the expansion of illegal settlements, apartheid against Palestine, the blockade of Gaza, torture and extrajudicial executions. This is in addition to the ongoing genocide, for which Israel is being investigated by the International Court of Justice.

The Horizon Europe programme funds Israeli companies such as Elbit Systems, as well as Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology, which are the pillar of Israel's military strategy and develop drones and surveillance technologies that operate in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This constitutes a violation of Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, which stipulates that a country can participate in the programme only if it respects human rights, and of Article 19 of the same Regulation, which prohibits funding for activities that do not comply with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights.

1. How much funding have Israeli universities and companies received from the programme since 7 October 2023?
2. Will the Commission suspend Israel's participation in the Horizon Europe programme?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
(24 March 2025)**

1. The total requested EU contribution to Israeli entities in signed grants since the 7 October 2023 is EUR 298 150 419, 00. However, this figure might not be exhaustive since data from European Innovation Council equities and from the cascading grants (European Institute of Technology) are not yet available.
2. The bilateral relations with the State of Israel continue to be governed by the international commitments undertaken, in particular the EU — Israel Association agreement on the participation of Israel in the Union programme Horizon Europe ⁽¹⁾. This is not currently envisaged to change. The Commission will continue to uphold the EU position on the situation in the Middle East as expressed by the European Council in November 2023 and March 2024, and will remain vigilant to ensure that beneficiaries comply with the applicable legal framework, including the provisions of the Horizon Europe model grant agreement and the guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:2022A0323\(10\), OJ L 95, 23/03/2022](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:2022A0323(10), OJ L 95, 23/03/2022).

⁽²⁾ Commission Notice Nr. 2013/ C 205/05: Guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJ C 205, 19.7.2013, p. 9).