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Answer given by Mr Serafin
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The Commission does not collect systematic data on the religious affiliations of the staff of the Commission and its agencies. In 2021 it did conduct a voluntary and anonymous diversity and inclusion survey¹ including a question on religious affiliation. No respondent indicated an affiliation to the Church of Scientology.

The Commission has no evidence of potential activities of Scientology within the EU institutions.

The official recognition of religious groups is a national competence. According to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 17 (1), the Union respects and does not prejudice the status under national law of churches and religious associations or communities in the Member States.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/about/service-standards-and-principles/modernising-european-commission/diversity-and-inclusion_en#factsheet-on-diversity-inclusion-and-respect-at-the-workplace-survey