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to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Training given to the EU diplomatic service by the Muslim Brotherhood network

On 21 May 2025, the French Government published a report entitled 'The Muslim Brotherhood and Political Islamism in France'. It revealed 70 years of Muslim Brotherhood strategy, including hundreds of shell associations, faith-based schools and Qatari funding in France and Europe. France and the European Union are described as being undermined by these Islamists.

The report also states that 'the European External Action Service (EEAS) has received training provided by supporters of the movement, such as Sondos ASEM, former advisor to Mohammed Morsi', the latter being a former Egyptian president and member of the Muslim Brotherhood.

While it is well documented that these Islamists wield influence within the European Commission and Parliament, notably through Femyso and ENAR, this shows that Islamists are infiltrating other European institutions. This is all the more serious given that the EEAS is the EU's diplomatic service.

Can the head of the EEAS, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, therefore say:

1. What this training was and how much it cost?

2. Whether she will undertake to ensure that the EEAS no longer has any links with the Muslim Brotherhood and therefore relying on its support for training courses?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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Since its creation, the European External Action Service (EEAS) has regularly organised thematic courses on a wide range of geopolitical issues, fostering continuous learning, informed debate and critical reflection among its staff.

Between 2015 and 2019, the EEAS, in cooperation with the European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA), offered the one-day course titled 'Political Islam' as a platform for learning, exchange, and open dialogue on a complex and multifaceted subject.

All participations in the course are part of a broader effort to present a diversity of viewpoints — academic, political, and civil society — on the topic of political Islam. The inclusion of a range of speakers is essential to fostering critical thinking and equipping participants to engage with real-world complexities.

The course was designed and organised in cooperation with the EIPA, under an interinstitutional framework contract ([1]).

The total cost of the training was EUR 14 350.

([1]) Framework contract number HR/R3/PR/2015/003/Lot 1, which the Commission, as lead contracting authority, had procured for the independent use of the contracting institutions, bodies and agencies.