

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003064/25
to the Commission
Lukas Mandl (PPE)
(23 July 2025)**

Subject: Funding for the Palestinian Authority

In June 2025, the Commission disbursed the first tranche of funding to the Palestinian Authority (PA) under the new financial arrangement linked to the July 2024 Letter of Intent and its reform agenda, for which the PA and the Commission agreed a 'reform matrix'. EUR 150 million were allocated to the PA for teachers and civil servants' salaries and the funding was specifically 'linked to the implementation of the reform agenda'. The PA has since then released an online curriculum for Gaza. Independent assessments demonstrate that this curriculum replicates the same problematic content the PA had committed to reforming. ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾

1. What evidence of curriculum reform did the Commission receive in order to justify this payment, and will the Commission publicly share this evidence?
2. Given the evidence of the same problematic content, how does the Commission assess this curriculum in the context of the PA's reform commitments, and what consequences or accountability measures has the Commission enacted in response to this breach?
3. How does the Commission justify releasing millions in funding since July 2024 to support teachers' and civil servants' salaries, when the PA itself confirms that no curriculum changes were made, and how is this compatible with the Commission's conditionality and reform-linked disbursement mechanism?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
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As part of the EU Multiannual and Comprehensive Programme for Palestine Recovery and Resilience (2025-2027) the EU has set apart up to EUR 620 million of direct financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority (PA) for the years 2025-2027, partially linked to the PA's commitment to reforms.

EU support contributes to the payments of salaries and pensions of civil servants (including in the education sector), social allowances for vulnerable families and medical referrals to the East Jerusalem hospitals.

On education reforms, the Commission has continued its constructive engagement with the Ministry of Education, which committed to achieving key reforms, including adopting its Development Education Strategy 2025-2027 in early July.

The Ministry of Education has a continuous process of reviewing and amending textbooks used in Palestinian schools. The latest round started with grade 12 at the end of 2024 and has moved to earlier grades in recent months.

Further disbursements scheduled before the end of the year will be partially linked to the PA's implementation of reforms as agreed between the EU and the PA, including on education.

The Commission and other donors remain engaged in a collaborative process aimed at supporting the education reform and the revision of textbooks and education materials, recognising that these efforts require time and sustained commitment, especially at a time of dire political and financial crisis.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1055.

² https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/unrwa-and-palestinian-authority-receive-eu202-million-support-ensure-key-services-ground-2025-06-23_en.

³ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/597ce07b-fb47-4bd2-b7ef-46c4401487de_en?filename=Letter%20of%20Intent%20-%20EU%20PA%20final.pdf.

⁴ <https://www.impact-se.org/wp-content/uploads/Gazas-Educational-Frameworks.pdf>.

⁵ <https://www.alquds.com/ar/posts/135318>.

⁶ <https://gs.pmf.ps/cp/plugins/spaw/uploads/files/bids/76-2025.pdf>.