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**Question for written answer E-003623/25
to the Commission
Lynn Boylan (The Left)
(18 September 2025)**

Subject: Clarification of EU bilateral funds for Israel following the Commission's announcement that it is suspending funds

Following the Commission's announcement of its intention to suspend bilateral EU funds for Israel, can it:

1. Specify the intended uses of each of the bilateral funds for Israel that are being put on hold and, in particular, what types of projects or programmes were supported, which bodies (Israeli government agencies, local authorities, universities, civil society organisations, etc.) were the beneficiaries and what monitoring/oversight mechanisms are in place or were planned for these funds/projects?
2. Provide clarity on what criteria will be applied when deciding to suspend or withhold bilateral funding in such cases? Furthermore, how will it handle exceptions and will it publish a report on the status of the suspended projects/funds so that Parliament and the public can assess the impact, and if it intends to publish such a report, when is it planning to do so?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
(11 November 2025)**

In the annual State of the Union address on 10 September 2025 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission's President announced that the Commission will put on hold the bilateral support to Israel without affecting its work with Israeli civil society and Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre.

The Commission's bilateral institutional cooperation with Israel falls under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe (NDICI-GE) ⁽²⁾ for the period 2021-2027, as well as the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) ⁽³⁾ for commitments dating from 2020.

Since mid-September 2025, approximately EUR14 million worth of adopted commitments have been put on hold. The commitments concern:

- Twinning programmes and the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX) that aimed to help approximating relevant legislation to the EU *acquis* and promote interinstitutional cooperation between Israeli and EU Member States public administrations.
- Projects funded under the EU-Israel Regional integration and cooperation initiative in the framework of the normalisation process (Abraham Accords).

In addition, the process to adopt a planned commitment of EUR 6 million under the current Multiannual Financial Framework for 2025 was also put on hold for the time being. This funding is meant to reinforce the EU-Israel bilateral institutional relations.

The Commission will regularly assess how the situation evolves both in Gaza and the West Bank to make a decision on the use of the funds.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/232/oj/eng>.