

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-004355/25
to the Commission
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(5 November 2025)**

Subject: Suspending scientific cooperation with Israel

On 29 July 2025, the Commission proposed to partially suspend Israel's participation in Horizon Europe due to its human rights violations and in light of the International Court of Justice's opinion, which set out provisional measures in relation to implementing the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Considering the above:

1. Which projects would be affected by such a suspension, how would they be affected, and what is the Commission's timetable for effectively suspending scientific cooperation with Israel?
2. What action is the Commission taking both to ensure that none of the ongoing projects are carried out in the Occupied Palestinian Territory or aid in the continuation of the occupation, and to prevent such situations from arising?
3. What changes will it make to future Horizon Europe calls for proposals in order to comply with the International Court of Justice's order regarding the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, and to prevent EU funding from supporting activities that constitute international crimes?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
(3 February 2026)**

The partial suspension of Israeli's association to Horizon Europe ⁽¹⁾ that the Commission has proposed to the Council ⁽²⁾ appears as an appropriate measure in application of Article 79(2) of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement ⁽³⁾ in view of Israel's breach of Article 2 of this Agreement.

The proposed partial suspension specifically concerns the eligibility of entities established in Israel to participate in calls for grant and investment support under the Accelerator of the European Innovation Council (EIC).

The latter supports single eligible entities (small and medium-sized enterprises and exceptionally small mid-caps) with a focus on breakthrough and emerging technologies ⁽⁴⁾.

The proposed partial suspension is subject to a decision of the Council and in the absence thereof the Commission must continue to treat Israeli applicants as eligible to participate in such calls in accordance with the Horizon Europe Association Agreement.

According to Article 19(1) of the Horizon Europe Regulation ⁽⁵⁾ any actions carried out under Horizon Europe must comply with ethical principles and relevant Union, national and international law ⁽⁶⁾.

The 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 ⁽⁷⁾, continue to apply to all Horizon Europe projects.

The Commission will continue to use the possibilities and instruments at its disposal, both at proposal and project implementation level, to ensure respect of the Horizon Europe legal framework and will take appropriate action in case non-compliance would be established.

⁽¹⁾ Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, on the participation of Israel in the Union programme Horizon Europe — the framework Programme for Research and Innovation, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22022A0323\(10\)&qid=1764159710053](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22022A0323(10)&qid=1764159710053).

⁽²⁾ COM(2025) 620 final.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2000:147:FULL>.

⁽⁴⁾ This would imply that legal entities established in Israel would no longer be eligible to participate in calls for grant and investment support under the Horizon Europe EIC Accelerator from the date of effect of the suspension.

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe — the framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0695>.

⁽⁶⁾ Including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Supplementary Protocols.

⁽⁷⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:205:0009:0011:EN:PDF>.