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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is engaging with the European Leadership Network (ELNET) as it does with many non-governmental organisations which receive funding from different sources. Among other activities ELNET organises visits for former high-level Israeli officials and opinion makers to visit the European Institutions and requests meetings with senior EU officials at their events. Schedule permitting, the European External Action Service (EEAS) senior management may meet these delegations at appropriate level for usual exchanges of information.

Commission and EEAS officials are regularly invited to speak at ELNET events, organised in Brussels or in Tel Aviv, on major geopolitical issues in the Middle East, to an audience of governmental and non-governmental participants. These events present opportunities for the EU to publicly express the EU's position regarding the Middle East.

Pursuant to the Interinstitutional Agreement on the transparency register¹, legal entities, offices or networks without diplomatic status or intermediaries representing public authorities of third countries are eligible to register in the transparency register. ELNET is registered² and is required to provide in its registration the financial information set out in Annex II to the Interinstitutional Agreement. The Commission publishes its meetings held with ELNET in an interest representation context in accordance with the applicable Commission's transparency rules. A list of such meetings is available on ELNET's registration in the Transparency Register.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2021.207.01.0001.01.ENG.

² https://transparency-register.europa.eu/search-register-or-update/organisation-detail_en?id=465822925861-62.