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**Question for written answer E-004906/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Links between Hamas and EU-funded NGOs in Gaza

Euractiv's analysis of documents declassified by the Israeli authorities during the Gaza War ⁽¹⁾ has revealed that terrorist group Hamas was linked to a number of EU-funded NGOs between 2018 and 2022.

These files indicate that the Interior Security Mechanism — a unit that is part of the Hamas regime's Interior Ministry — secured key positions in a number of EU-funded NGOs (including Cesvi) for Hamas members and affiliates, whose task was to act as 'guarantors'.

It seems that Hamas even went as far as to exploit some of these organisations (including Oxfam) for military purposes and take control of NGO initiatives to help its war effort.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of these links between Hamas — an organisation which the EU and other authorities have classed as a terrorist group — and EU-funded NGOs?
2. What will the Commission do to address this situation?
3. Could the Commission disclose the names of all EU-funded NGOs currently operating in Gaza?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has taken note of the reporting in the press about alleged interference of Hamas in the activities of EU-funded international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Gaza.

These allegations are reportedly based on unclassified documents retrieved by the Israeli Defence Forces in Gaza. The Commission takes any allegations regarding EU-funded partners very seriously and has specifically asked the Israeli authorities to share documents or any form of evidence that would help the EU correctly assess these allegations.

As such, the Commission's priority is to establish the facts based on credible evidence and verified documents. Currently, the Commission does not possess any substantiated information that would highlight that any of its partners are not complying with EU standards and due diligence processes.

Should there be clear evidence that any of the Commission's partners are not complying with EU standards and due diligence, the Commission will take all the appropriate measures, such as the suspension or termination of contracts and/or the recovery of the funds disbursed. Furthermore, the partner could lose its eligibility for future EU funding.

The Commission implements rigorous safeguards to ensure that no persons or entities receive EU funding if these are involved in any criminal or unethical practices, including terrorist financing and offences. Those safeguards include *ex ante* and *ex post* risk assessment, monitoring and strong controls and audits.

Following Hamas' terrorist attacks against Israel on 7 October 2023, the EU has carried out a thorough review of EU financial assistance for Palestine ⁽¹⁾ for both NGOs and other implementing partners.

The review showed that the Commission's controls and existing safeguards in place work well and no evidence has been found to date that money has been diverted for unintended purposes.

The list of EU funded NGOs currently operating in Palestine can be found on the Financial Transparency System ⁽²⁾.

¹ https://www.euractiv.com/news/exclusive-documents-reveal-hamas-interference-with-eu-funded-ngos-in-gaza/?utm_source=euractiv&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_content=Zone+name&utm_term=0-0&utm_campaign=EN_BREAKING_ALERT.

⁽¹⁾ This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/analysis.html>.