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to the Commission**

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Subject: Influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in the EU

The report ‘Muslim Brotherhood and political radical Islam in France’, commissioned by the French Government, documents the worrying rise of political radical Islam in France. It also emphasises the European dimension of the Muslim Brotherhood and the culpable naivety of the Commission.

The report highlights the Brotherhood’s network on our continent and its lobbying of European institutions⁽¹⁾. As a result, the Muslim Brotherhood has become a ‘regular partner’ of the Commission and receives copious EU subsidies. This is the case for the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations, the youth branch of the Council of European Muslims, the ‘keystone’ of the European Muslim Brotherhood, and for Islamic Relief Worldwide and other organisations.

Worse still, the French Ministry of Higher Education is concerned about the proliferation of projects funded by Erasmus+ involving radical Islam activism in universities. Finally, the report claims that members of the European External Action Service have received training from a former adviser to Mohamed Morsi.

Will the Commission:

1. admit that the Muslim Brotherhood is pursuing a strategy of influencing and infiltrating into the EU institutions?
2. carry out a full audit of subsidies granted to non-governmental organisations that are likely to be linked to radical Islam?
3. work towards banning the Muslim Brotherhood in the EU, as Austria has already done?

Supporters⁽²⁾

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Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission closely follows the evolving risk linked to organisations trying to unduly influence the European institutions, including radical and extremist non-state actors, as well as all interference from third countries. The Commission is committed to preventing all forms of radicalisation.

The Commission does not fund any organisation that pursues an illegal or extremist agenda or does not fully respect fundamental rights and values.

None of the organisations mentioned in the question currently receive funding from the Commission. In line with the safeguards provided in the Financial Regulation⁽¹⁾ for the award of funds, the Commission carries out rigorous selection processes, including different checks on grant beneficiaries based on objective criteria.

EU funded projects are subsequently monitored to ensure that they are implemented according to the grant agreement which requires beneficiaries to respect EU values during the project implementation.

A person or entity may be excluded from participating in award procedures or from implementing EU funds if they are in one of the situations provided in Article 138 of the Financial Regulation. In such cases, the grant may be suspended, terminated or reduced, and the funds recovered.

¹ <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/reseaux-tentaculaires-organisation-secrete-quartiers-islamises-le-rapport-choc-sur-les-freres-musulmans-qui-veulent-instaurer-la-charia-en-france-20250520>.

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⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R2509>.

The person or entity will also be prevented in the future from receiving EU funds for the duration of the exclusion decision.
