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**Priority question for written answer P-003326/25
to the Commission
Silvia Sardone (P/E)
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Subject: Islamist outfits' financing and connections with political parties

In recent days, numerous investigations by the newspaper *Il Tempo* have revealed connections between mosques, such as the unlawful one on Via Padova in Milan and an Islamic centre in Genoa, and imams and figures close to Hamas terrorists or spaces linked to more radical Islamism. All over Italy, prayer centres keep popping up that are often unlicensed and funded by opaque entities promoting anti-Semitic and anti-Western ideas. Very often, these associations end up linked more or less explicitly to left-wing parties and movements.

In the light of the above:

1. What has been done in recent years to limit the spread of Islamic centres linked to spaces close to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood?
2. What view does the Commission take about the millions in financing coming from Arab countries and radical organisations for mosques and Muslim cultural centres?
3. What is its position on the increasingly clear connection between extreme left-wing parties and anti-Semitic and pro-terrorist outfits?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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Responsibility for authorising, monitoring or closing places of worship rests with Member States, which are best placed to assess security risks and ensure compliance with national laws.

Only a limited number of Member States have adopted legislation to enhance the transparency of foreign funding for religious or cultural entities. The Commission continues to monitor developments in this field and facilitates the exchange of good practices among Member States, in particular to encourage preventing radicalisation and safeguarding fundamental rights.

As stated in the EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life ⁽¹⁾, terrorism, violent extremism and antisemitism in all its forms are incompatible with European values and a threat to European citizens' security and safety. In line with the ProtectEU: European Internal Security Strategy ⁽²⁾, the Commission will enhance the EU's capacity to combat terrorism through proposals to modernise rules on fighting terrorism and terrorist-financing and strengthen the European Investigation Order.

⁽¹⁾ COM/2021/615 final and https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-07/cafjl_antisemitism-strategy-doc-en.pdf.

⁽²⁾ COM/2025/148 final.