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**Priority question for written answer P-005081/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding of the European Islamophobia Report 2024

The Leopold Weiss Institute, in collaboration with other associations, recently published the 'European Islamophobia Report 2024', which analyses alleged discrimination against Islamic citizens or communities in 29 European states, including 19 from the EU.

The report, which is clearly biased, raises serious concerns about attempts by pro-Islamic NGOs to interfere in national governments' migration and security policies.

In addition, the EU logo and the entry 'Funded by the European Union' appear only on the part dedicated to Italy on page 455. These pages even contain accusations against members of the Italian Government and political parties claiming that they are part of an alleged Italian Islamophobic network.

In light of this:

1. Is it true that the part of the report dedicated to Italy was funded by the EU and, if so, on what basis, which entity received the funding and how much was it?
2. Can the Commission confirm that the rest of the report was not funded? If not, on what basis was it funded and what amount was involved?
3. Does it not agree that the funding of politically oriented reports containing unverified news accounts and political judgments on governments in office constitutes a breach of the principle of impartiality of the European institutions? If so, what will it do to put an end to this huge waste of public money?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
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⁽¹⁾ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101042882/fr>.

⁽²⁾ <https://erc.europa.eu/homepage>.

⁽³⁾ 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 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1, ELI:<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>).