

**Question for written answer E-003008/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission certifies actual destination of EU funding to Palestine

On Saturday 7 October 2023, a massive terrorist attack claimed by Hamas hit the State of Israel with more than 5 000 rockets launched at populated areas and attacks against the population by terrorist cells on the ground. So far, there have been 900 Israeli victims, over 2 000 wounded and 100 kidnapped people, including women and children.

As a result of this attack, there have been different reactions at the highest levels of the European institutions, with divergent and inconsistent positions being taken both within the Commission and between the Commission and the Council.

In the light of press releases from Commissioners Olivér Várhelyi and Janez Lenarčič and European Council President Charles Michel, and given that the fight against terrorism is a top priority for the EU and its Member States, and that the funds available to the Commission are the result of the work and sacrifices of European citizens:

1. Can the Commission say how much funding has been allocated to Palestine in the last 10 years and which organisations have actually benefited from it?
2. Can it confirm that not a single euro of European citizens' money has (even indirectly) ended up in the pockets of terrorist organisation Hamas?
3. What action does it intend to take in this regard?

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