

**Question for written answer E-001927/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Erasmus+ funding from the Commission for the controversial Gaziantep University

According to an article¹, there is an Erasmus+ partnership between the Commission and Gaziantep University and the university recently received EUR 250 000 from the EU. The article points to a host of anti-Israeli statements and states that the university rector actively supports the Hamas terrorist organisation. Accordingly:

1. Is this report about the Commission providing EUR 250 000 in Erasmus+ funding for Gaziantep University true?
2. When establishing relations with Gaziantep University, did the Commission also look into the statements by the rector and his possible links with Hamas?
3. Does the Commission concur that, in view of the rector's statements, the agreement with the university should be immediately terminated? If not, why not?

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¹ <https://www.lejdd.fr/societe/erasmus-lunion-europeenne-sous-le-feu-des-critiques-pour-avoir-integre-une-universite-pro-hamas-150023>