

Question for written answer E-001930/2024/rev.1

to the Commission

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Subject: Support from the Horizon Europe programme for Israeli companies involved in the ongoing genocide in Palestine

Since 7 October 2023, and the beginning of the Israeli Government's military offensive in Gaza, the EU has approved EUR 126 million in support of 130 projects involving Israeli participants through the Horizon Europe programme and the EU-Israel Association Agreement. Among these participants are arms companies developing technologies used against Palestinian civilians. Israel is the largest non-European beneficiary of EU security-related funding.

Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement makes its continuation conditional on respect for human rights. The EU Treaties prohibit the funding of 'expenditure arising from operations having military or defence implications' – a ban that should apply, given the plausible risk of genocide in Gaza recognised by an International Court of Justice order on 26 January 2024, and the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, for which the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on 18 September 2024 demanding that Israel end the occupation within 12 months.

Will the Commission:

1. Condemn the involvement of Israeli companies in the ongoing genocide in Gaza that have received EU financial support through the Horizon Europe programme?
2. Exclude these companies from EU financial support?
3. Propose to the Council that it suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement?

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