Question for written answer E-002469/2024 to the Commission

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Subject: Documentation and Advice Centre on Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Racism

The Documentation and Advice Centre on Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Racism ('Dokustelle' for short) was founded in 2014. 'Dokustelle' is involved in the Butterfly Effect project (project ID: 101084546) and is receiving support totalling EUR 467 858.14.

It was set up with backing from the Muslim Austrians' Initiative (IMÖ). Founding members attracted attention as a result, for example, of visits to meet the Muslim Brotherhood's guiding spirit, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, in Qatar and contacts with the Muslim Brotherhood's youth umbrella organisation (FEMYSO).

'Dokustelle' has also worked with CAGE and the CAGE subsidiary arm Assisting Children Traumatised by Police (ACT-P). Criticism has been levelled at CAGE for its support for terrorists. It is suspected of supporting terrorist organisations such as Al-Qaeda. During Ramadan this year, CAGE organised an Iftar celebration in Vienna; about 200 people took part. The German Salafist Marcel Krass was invited to speak there. Krass is under surveillance by the German domestic intelligence service. In the 1990s he cultivated contacts with someone who became one of the 9/11 attackers.

- 1. On what basis and in the light of what criteria did the Commission decide to allow 'Dokustelle' to take part in the Butterfly Effect project?
- 2. How much money has the Commission already disbursed to 'Dokustelle' under the project?
- 3. What is the position of the Commission on IMÖ and CAGE, and has it transferred funds to those organisations under other programmes?

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