

**Question for written answer E-002610/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Evaluation of EU aid to Algeria against the backdrop of the persecution of Christians there

Many Christians living in Algeria are former Muslims who have converted to Christianity. They endure multiple forms of discrimination in their daily lives. The pressure exerted on Christians by the Algerian state has now reached a level not seen for decades. More and more churches are being forced to close. Of the 47 churches that belong to the Protestant Church in Algeria, only one remains open¹. In addition, suspended sentences are being used against many Christians as a means of harassment. As a result, many Christians now meet only in secret on the internet or underground, to pray together for example.

This is partly due to the fact that there are laws in Algeria that restrict non-Muslim religious services. They regulate and/or prohibit anything that could lead Muslims to convert to other religions.

What monitoring and evaluation mechanisms were and are in place for the disbursement of these sums?

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¹ <https://www.mnnonline.org/news/one-church-left-in-algeria-as-christians-face-growing-persecution/>