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## REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representations of the Member States

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Subject: PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER  
E-002840/2022 - Jean-Lin Lacapelle (ID)  
'EU grants to organisations promoting Islamist propaganda and its  
dissemination via EU information channels'

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1. Delegations will find attached:
  - the text of the above question for written answer;
  - a preliminary draft reply prepared by the General Secretariat.
  
2. If no comments have been received from delegations by 30 November 2022 (17.00), this preliminary draft reply will be submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) and to the Council for approval.

Any comments received will be examined by the Working Party on General Affairs.

**Question for written answer E-002840/2022  
to the Council**

Rule 138

**Jean-Lin Lacapelle** (ID)

Subject: EU grants to organisations promoting Islamist propaganda and its dissemination via EU information channels

According to an article in the 18 August 2022 edition of the French weekly *Marianne*, the French Minister for the Interior, Gérald Darmanin, has stated his intention to write to the Commission to protest against the broadcast, on 12 August 2022, of a video on International Youth Day<sup>1</sup>.

This video features people wearing shirts bearing 'FEMYSO', which is an organisation accused of aligning itself with Muslim Brotherhood ideology and which was strongly criticised by the French Government in November.

According to the article, 'this controversial organisation is considered by several researchers to inhabit the same ideological galaxy as the Muslim Brotherhood, which promotes the development of political Islam'.

By way of reminder, FEMYSO already made the news several months ago, as it was the catalyst for a visual campaign run by the Council of Europe and co-financed by the European Union to promote 'freedom in the hijab'.

Will the Council, in its Justice and Home Affairs configuration (responsible for fundamental rights), include on the agenda of its next meeting a point on 'EU grants to organisations promoting Islamist propaganda and its dissemination via EU information channels'?

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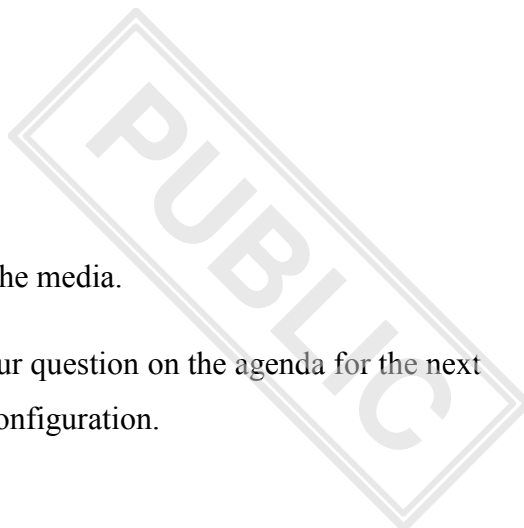
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.marianne.net/societe/laicite-et-religions/islam-politique-darmanin-va-ecrire-a-la-commission-europeenne-qui-promeut-lassociation-femyso>

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**E-002840/2022**  
**Reply**

Dear Honourable Member,

The Council does not comment on articles appearing in the media.

There are no plans to include the matter referred to in your question on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council in its Justice and Home Affairs configuration.



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