

Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 14:33:54 Central European Summer Time

Subject: Re: urgent call- harassment and slander

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To: Elena-Dalila.NISTORESCU@ec.europa.eu, marius.suciu@ec.europa.eu

CC: Christofer Edling, Ronny Berndtsson, Emma Ohlsson

Dear Elena and Marius,

Thank you Elena for taking the time to call me earlier today. I hereby would like to report that the former supervisor on paper of this project, Umut Ozkirimli, has been slandering my academic reputation mainly by claiming that my Marie Curie FIRE project is his idea and his project. On June 5, 2020, he has posted a statement on the internet ([here](#)) which you would need to google translate as it is in Turkish. In this statement, he openly accuses me of forcefully removing him from the supervisor position and he also states that the project idea is his.

He has been doing various attempts as such since March 2018 when I first filed a complaint at Lund University against him for (sexual)harassment in June 2018. I also asked Lund University to clarify the reason of his remove from supervision was not his familial reasons but an ongoing conflict of interest. Unfortunately, this was not communicated to you in the way I wished and asked. I have furthermore been subject to pressure by Umut Ozkirimli for acknowledging his name in potential project publications, which I have rejected. I had email correspondance with Marius about this, I am sure he recalls. He has also added his name to the project on the LU Research Portal without my consent, where Christofer Edling kindly stepped in and had his name removed.

I have been going through this continuous harassment ever since I received the grant in February 2018, which means months before I even started the project in September 2018. Although I never was on sick leave, I had to work under extreme stress, I had to devote almost all my time and energy to deal with this harassment. Consequently, I feel that I have failed to produce what I was supposed to produce as a Marie Curie Fellow. I am extremely upset and I feel that I had to waste such a prestigious grant simply because I had to protect myself from a stalker/harasser in the last 2.5 years.

Recently, my postdoctoral researcher position was prolonged for three months by the Faculty of Social Sciences which was kind but not equivalent to the time I lost in the last two years. As I am once again dragged into this situation where my name is uttered and my academic reputation is directly targeted, I want to ask both the EU Commission and Lund University to step in.

Finally, let me underline that I have NEVER used Umut Ozkirimli's name in ANY of my public posts despite all the formal/institutional documents I have. The fact that he has used my name in his statement is an insult to my personal and professional rights, and his statements contradict with the statements he had in the third-party investigation at Lund University.

I am happy to provide further documentation on all of the points above.

Kind regards,
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