

**Question for written answer E-000335/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Jiří Maštálka (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - The rise of right-wing extremism/neo-Nazism in Europe

The European Union has, unfortunately, seen an increase in right-wing extremism and neo-Nazism in recent years. This phenomenon is particularly striking in Ukraine, with which the EU has signed an association agreement, and where neo-Nazis are openly reviving the traditions of the former Waffen SS 'Galizien' division, including its symbols. As for the EU's Member States, annual 'legal' marches by Waffen SS veterans and their ideological successors, for example, have become a murky tradition in Latvia. All this is fundamentally incompatible with the values that the EU has adopted as its credo and enshrined in its founding treaties.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of these facts?
2. If so, will she use the authority of her office to initiate or take any action to combat this phenomenon?