

**Question for written answer E-002752/2018/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Extreme nationalism and hate crimes on the rise in Croatia

The Serb National Council, which represents the Serb minority in Croatia, just published a report outlining the increase in hate speech and violence against Serbs. The report coincides with another drawn up last week by the Council of Europe, which warns of the rise in hate speech against Serbs, Roma and LGBTI people, to which I referred in Written Question E-000705/2018.

The pro-Nazi regime of Ante Pavelić is constantly being praised at political and cultural events such as that held by singer Marko Perković, who was recently cleared of singing fascist slogans, and monuments to the victims of the Holocaust are desecrated time and again. The world of sport is equally affected, the Croatian football federation having been fined by UEFA and FIFA on a number of occasions for chants of 'Death to Serbs'.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Is the Commission monitoring the correct implementation of Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA by means of criminal law in Croatia?
2. In what way will Commission involve the EU High-Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance to ensure that the Croatian authorities commit themselves to putting an end to this situation?
3. In what way is the Commission monitoring the situation with regard to plans to hold a referendum on restricting the voting rights of ethnic minorities?