

**Question for written answer E-004441/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Remembrance of terrorist acts in the Vendée

Luc Ferry, the former French Minister of Education, stated the following during a programme broadcast on the I-Tele television channel on 18 May 2015: 'The war in the Vendée was the first genocide in the history of Europe, 500 000 people were killed.' Recent historical research has now revealed that the French Revolution invented 'State terrorism' by employing the tactics of terror. The writer Patrick Buisson has also said that he sees a 'clear link' between the terrorism of that time and modern-day terrorism, in particular in the form of radical Islamism: 'the practice of cutting people's throats did not begin in France in 2016 ...'¹.

Today, the terrorist acts committed in the Vendée seem to be ignored by the European Observatory on Memories² and other organisations supported by the Commission: none of the projects selected by those organisations in 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017 concerned the memory of the genocide in the Vendée³.

Will the Commission take steps to ensure that the genocide in the Vendée is taken properly into account in efforts to preserve European memories and, more generally, in critiques of State terrorism, from the Vendée to the Nazi and Communist dictatorships?

¹ <http://www.francesoir.fr/politique-france/patrick-buisson-estime-que-la-france-invente-le-terrorisme-etat-avec-la-terreur-totalitarisme-guerre-vendee-polemique-revolution-francaise>

² <http://europeanmemories.net/projects/memorial-heritage/>

³ https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/selected_applicants_remem_2017.pdf,
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/publicationremem2016.pdf>,
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