

**Question for written answer E-001923/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: SS pensions

Recently published research from across Europe shows that Germany pays monthly disability allowances to former members of the Waffen SS. Among the recipients are collaborators and possible suspects of war crimes. Recipients of the allowances live in at least ten EU Member States, which makes it a European issue.

1. Is the Commission willing to raise this issue at EU level, since so many Member States are involved?
2. Is the Commission aware of the fact that only in 99 cases have benefits been withdrawn in accordance with the 1998 reform of the Federal War Victims Relief Act (*Bundesversorgungsgesetz - BVG*), which allows the denial of benefits if the claimant has violated the principles of humanity or the rule of law?
3. To what extent is Germany obliged to share the identities of the recipients in compliance with EU taxation law?

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