

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0696/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding by the 'Culture 2000' programme of books or translations of books which extol nationalistic policies and their despotic practices

Has the European Commission funded, via the 'Culture 2000' programme, the writing of a book (or its translation, e.g. from French into Greek) on the life and exploits of Kemal Atatürk, the Turkish nationalistic politician?

Is the Commission aware of whether funding has been given in Greece or in other EU countries (and if so, which ones) for the publication or translation of such a book, which praises the nationalism of this politician and of the totalitarian regime which he established in that country, and his despotic tendencies, and libels the Greeks as 'murderers'?

Which translations of biographies of great leaders and heroes of the Balkan peoples and of the Arabs who resisted the despotic Ottoman empire and led their peoples to freedom has the Commission funded via the 'Culture 2000' programme?

If such a book on the exploits of Atatürk was in fact funded via 'Culture 2000', what was the procedure followed and which body chose the book or its translation for funding?