

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6707/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Glorification of a Nazi military unit

I should like to draw the Commission's attention to events involving the promotion of Nazi ideology and the glorification of a Waffen SS unit in Ukraine. In July 2008, in the vicinity of the town of Brody (Mount Żbyr) in Ukraine, a further monument to the murderous 'Galicia' Division of the Nazi Waffen SS was unveiled. A similar monument glorifying SS soldiers is already to be found in Lviv cemetery. It is absolutely scandalous that in the 21st century, at a time of reconciliation among peoples, a group of people with openly nationalist and fascist sympathies can glorify a criminal military unit responsible for the death of millions of Europeans, including Poles. It should be remembered that the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg declared the SS a criminal organisation.

Does the glorification – unhindered by the law – of a criminal organisation count among the 'common values' on which the EU-Ukraine partnership is supposed to be based? What action does the Commission intend to take in this matter?