

**Question for written answer E-002608/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Joint commemorations in Bulgaria and Macedonia

The 'Europe for Citizens' programme includes financial support from the EU for a wide range of projects and activities to be carried out in the Member States and in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Part of the programme objectives are included in 'Strand 1': European remembrance: 'raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim'. In the annual reports about the progress made by the Republic of Macedonia, joint commemorations in the neighbouring countries for historical and cultural events are repeatedly called for.

Have any Macedonian bodies – for example, national and local authorities, associations, organisations or clubs – submitted any proposals for projects or inquiries to date to be provided grants from the EU for joint commemorations of memorable dates and events from the history of Bulgaria and Macedonia?