Question for written answer E-002353/2019 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Regional Commission Tasked with Establishing the Facts about All Victims of War

Crimes and Other Serious Human Rights Violations Committed on the Territory of the

Former Yugoslavia

In its 2018 resolution, Parliament reiterated its support for the initiative to set up the Regional Commission Tasked with Establishing the Facts about All Victims of War Crimes and Other Serious Human Rights Violations Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia, also known as RECOM.

Representatives of the RECOM initiative presented the 'Map of victims of the wars of 1991-2001 on the territory of the Former Yugoslavia' on 20 December 2018 in Zagreb. Upon reviewing the map (http://zrtveratovasfrj.info/site/map/en-US), which features a list of those killed, one comes across numerous irregularities.

For instance, some people are reported as having been killed at two or more different locations. Some people are reported as having been killed without any information other than first name and surname being provided. Some people are even reported as having been killed in 2012, many years after the armed conflict ended.

Given that the RECOM initiative was founded in order to establish the facts on war crimes, these sorts of irregularities – whether they are intentional and aimed at misleading the public or are the result of gross negligence – are absolutely impermissible.

In this connection, could the Commission say whether RECOM is receiving EU co-financing?

What is the Commission's view on the aforementioned irregularities?