Question for written answer E-003936/2020/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: Classification of Antifa as a terrorist group

In Germany, Antifa have violently attacked AfD political activists, including myself (see attached picture), when I was hit by a stone, which thrown at me by so-called 'activists'.

The German Government supports Antifa, for example through 'Demokratie leben!', organised by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs.

When President Trump announced plans to classify Antifa as a terrorist group, the SPD, which is part of the grand coalition that governs Germany, expressed its support ¹.

The German Government is, in effect, outsourcing harassment and violence towards political opponents to outside groups, which are sponsored by the Federal Government, but not technically part of it .

Antifa and other far-left groups have a presence at a number of European universities where they regularly attack events and speakers from opposing groups, thereby preventing legal speech and assembly. Universities have by and large failed to act to protect academic freedom from these attacks.

- 1. What is the Commission's view on universities that refuse to act against far-left violence, and on the suppression of legal speech?
- 2. Cologne Students have financed 'Antifa AK Köln' ² . Can the Commission ensure that EU financial assistance does not flow to groups like this?

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