

**Question for written answer E-003386/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Processing by the Serbian Government of claims under the Restitution and Rehabilitation Acts

On 26 September 2011, the Serbian government adopted a law on restitution or compensation for assets expropriated after 9 March 1945. In addition, a new Rehabilitation Act entered into force on 15 December 2011. Both laws represent important steps to compensate victims and their relatives and descendants. However, there is a growing number of reports that the Serbian government is negligent in its processing of applications under these laws and is deliberately delaying claims by means of bureaucratic hurdles.

1. Is the Commission aware of this issue? If so, since when?
2. Is the Commission planning to take steps to ensure the timely processing of claims by the Serbian government? If yes, what are they? If not, why not?