

**Question for written answer E-004602/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Perugia's covered market and EU funds

Perugia's covered market reopened its doors in 2021 following renovation work carried out using public and private funds, including, reportedly, EU funds under the 2014-2020 ERDF. Following the renovation, some symbols were restored, namely the griffin, the symbol of the city of Perugia, and, alongside this, the fasces, an insignia of the fascist regime. While the market was first inaugurated under fascist rule in 1932, the symbols of the regime were pulled down during the liberation. Displaying fascist symbols is an assault on the city's values, the values of the resistance movement, and the principles of democracy and anti-fascism, which are enshrined in the Italian Constitution.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the matter and would it care to comment?
2. Can it confirm whether EU funds were used for the renovation? Does it believe that using EU funds to restore symbols belonging to the fascist regime is consistent with the EU's principles, values and rules, including the Financial Regulation and rules on the use of EU funds?