

**Question for written answer E-002467/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: France's refusal to extradite former Red Brigade terrorists to Italy

On 29 June 2022, the Paris Court of Appeal blocked the extradition to Italy of 10 former terrorists arrested in April 2021 as part of the operation code-named 'Ombre Rosse'. The offenders, who have been living freely in France for the past 40 years, helped orchestrate the tragic bloodshed of the 'Years of Lead'. They include Narciso Manenti, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a Carabinieri paramilitary general, Giuseppe Gurrieri, in Bergamo on 13 March 1979.

All 10 terrorists were convicted by the Italian courts, in proceedings which afforded the defendants all the statutory safeguards and guarantees. Despite this, France has seen fit to deny the multiple requests for their extradition filed by the Italian Ministry of Justice.

Given the severity of the crimes perpetrated in one of the most painful moments in Italy's history and the intrinsic value of a matter that directly involves two founding EU Member States:

1. Is the Commission aware of the decision of the Paris Court of Appeal?
2. Does it consider it right that legislation should exist in the EU that obstructs the arrest of perpetrators of serious crimes?