

**Question for written answer E-003011/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Destruction of monuments to the victory over fascism

Following the dissolution of the USSR, monuments celebrating the great victory over fascism has been vandalised or destroyed in a number of EU Member States.

An anti-communist, anti-Soviet campaign is also being encouraged by the Commission President in a recent inadmissible statement regarding the 'day of commemoration for the victims of totalitarian regimes' that the EU is seeking to introduce, disregarding the historical facts and endeavouring to equate the horrors of fascism with socialism and unjustifiably identify the capitalist Russia of today with the Soviet Union.

The authorities of the Latvian capital Riga have now ordered the demolition of the largest anti-fascist monument in the Baltic states, necessitating a large police presence, despite protests from World-War II veterans and their families. In Balvi, the construction union is refusing to participate in the dismantling of monuments.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of the fact that leading monuments to modern historical events surrounding the popular struggle, which symbolise international solidarity, friendship and peace, are being destroyed or vandalised by the authorities of EU Member States?
2. What is its opinion of official EU policy and statements by it encouraging de facto attempts to legitimise such crude assaults on the historical and cultural heritage of European peoples, seeking to equate the horrors of fascism with socialism and portray the capitalist Russia of today as a continuation of the USSR, with total disregard for historical veracity?