

**Question for written answer E-000977/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Clarifications on a potential UEFA decision

According to press reports, the Hungarian Football Federation has issued a statement citing a UEFA decision that would allow the map of 'Greater Hungary' to be used at official football matches. This statement asserts that the use of such symbols shows 'respect for historic Hungary and solidarity with fans from beyond Hungary's borders'. It should be pointed out that the map of Greater Hungary comprises parts of Transylvania (Romania), Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Ukraine.

The Romanian Football Federation has stated that UEFA has not authorised this. It must be stressed that such a decision would profoundly offend the Romanian people, who in two world wars paid with their blood to reunify their country. Besides this, displays of revisionism are liable to cause relations to deteriorate at a very delicate time for Europe.

The Commission and UEFA enjoy a traditional partnership based on European values, which was recently extended to promoting action to combat climate change, which we welcome.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation and what view does it take of it?
2. Could the Commission state what measures it feels need to be taken to ensure respect for EU fundamental values, binding on all Member States?

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