

Question for written answer E-000522/2024/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Ban on activity of the Workers' Front of Latvia

On 27 January 2024, a court in Latvia's capital, Riga, decided to ban the activity of the Workers' Front of Latvia, on the basis of 'recommendations' made by the Prosecutor General and a relevant finding of the State Security Service. The court ruled that the organisation 'preaches the communist ideology, disseminates calls for a violent change to the Latvian state system, carries out actions that aim to incite discord, thereby creating a threat to state security and social safety'. The court also described the 'misinterpretation of Latvian history' as a threat to state security and said that this misinterpretation can divide society.

It is a fact that more than a third of communist parties across EU Member States are facing bans and the right to free political expression and ideological-political discussion and debate is under attack.

In light of this:

How does the Commission view the bans on communist parties, such as the Workers' Front of Latvia, in EU Member States, and the attack on the right to free political expression and ideological-political discussion?

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