

**Priority question for written answer P-000310/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Statement on X by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen concerning
extermination camps

On 27 January 2024, a post was put up on Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's X account to mark the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. The post showed European leaders, including the Commission President herself, reading out the names of victims of the German occupation. During the statements, captions were displayed giving the victims' dates of birth, as well as the dates and places of their death. On several occasions, however, the video also included the misleading statement 'Auschwitz camp, Poland', suggesting that Poland had something to do with the concentration camps.

In the light of the foregoing, I would like to put the following questions on behalf of the Polish delegation of the ECR Group:

1. Why is the Commission knowingly and deliberately misleading the public, trying to falsify historical facts and absolve the real perpetrators – the Germans – of responsibility for the crime of genocide?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take to avoid such deception in the future?
3. Does the Commission President intend to issue an official apology to Poland?

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