

**Question for written answer E-003058/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Proscription of the Union of Poles in Germany and the consequences of this

The Union of Poles in Germany (ZPwN) was created in 1922 as a legal representation of the Polish community in Germany. The organisation actively strived to maintain Polish national identity and safeguard the civil rights of Poles in Germany. In 1940, ZPwN was proscribed by decree from Hermann Göring, while its assets were confiscated by the Nazi authorities. Although 80 years have passed and Hitler's regime has long since fallen, the organisation was never formally reinstituted and did not receive the status of an organisation representing a national minority.

Given the above:

1. Is the Commission aware that the ZPwN, legally operating since 1922, was illegally proscribed by decree of Hermann Göring in 1940 and has never been formally reinstituted nor received the status of an organisation representing a national minority? Will the Commission take action against Germany to restore the organisation's rights and address the consequences of historical injustice?
2. In the Commission's opinion, does the failure to formally reinstitute the organisation's rights and its assets, alongside the refusal to grant Poles minority status despite the community's historical presence in Germany, align with European standards on protecting cultural heritage and the rights of national minorities?

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