

**Question for written answer E-003168/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** New operation to ban the communist ideology in Czechia

With the endorsement of the EU, which has adopted an official anti-communist stance, Czechia's Fiala Government has driven forward despicable changes to the penal code, criminalising support for the communist ideology as equivalent to Nazism, punishable by up to five years in prison. The provision paves the way for dangerous developments, such as the ban on the Communist Party and communist activities in Czechia.

This unacceptable move is based on the dangerous horseshoe theory and on the historically baseless idea that puts fascism – a product of the capitalist system – on a par with socialism/communism.

Such measures serve to escalate the anti-grassroots attack on people's rights at a time when war preparations are intensifying.

Given that the European Commission takes every opportunity to invoke the so-called 'rule of law' and 'human rights':

1. What view does it take of the unacceptable criminalisation of communists and ordinary people seeking to exercise the right to freedom of political expression and action, amounting to nothing less than a communist witch-hunt in one-third of the EU Member States, including Czechia?
2. What view does it take of the call for an immediate end to all persecution of communists and for the repeal of all anti-communist laws prohibiting the action of communist parties and depriving them of basic civil liberties in Czechia, Poland, the Baltic States or other EU Member States?

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