

**Question for written answer E-004707/2025
to the Council**

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Subject: Assessment of Antifa Ost ('Hammerbande') as a structured terrorist organisation

Antifa Ost – also known as Antifa East or the Hammerbande – has been described in German indictments and court documents as a structured militant group responsible for coordinated violent attacks between 2018 and 2020. In the Leipzig-Connewitz assault, as established by the Oberlandesgericht Dresden, masked attackers allegedly carried out a pre-planned ambush using reconnaissance, logistics and weapons¹. These proceedings indicate a stable membership, a defined organisational core, and repeated politically motivated violent actions. The group is still active.

This contrasts with the broader Antifa movement, which the Commission has previously characterised as lacking central organisation².

Given past Council practice concerning structured entities such as Hamas and Hezbollah, Antifa Ost appears to meet the definition of a terrorist group under Article 2(3) of Directive (EU) 2017/541 and of an entity involved in terrorist acts under Article 1(4) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP. Recent US measures designating Antifa Ost as a terrorist organisation reinforce the need for assessment at EU level³.

1. Does the Council consider Antifa Ost's documented structure and planning capacity to fall within these legal definitions?
2. Have any Member States submitted evidence or a formal proposal regarding its listing?
3. Does the Council intend to examine Antifa Ost for possible inclusion on the EU terrorist list?

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¹ See Oberlandesgericht Dresden, Urteil 31 Mai 2023 (Az. 4 St 2/21) – first-instance judgment in the 'Antifa Ost / Hammerbande' case, describing a core group responsible for six alleged attacks between 2018 and 2020 with use of hammers and mobile logistics, <https://www.medienservice.sachsen.de/medien/news/1066810>.

² P-003652/2020 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2020-003652_EN.html, E-001114/2021 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-001114_EN.html, E-000144/2022 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-000144_EN.html, E-002546/2022 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-002546_EN.html, E-003804/2025 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003804_EN.html.

³ US Department of State, Designations of Antifa Ost and three other violent Antifa groups, 13 November 2025: <https://www.state.gov/releases/2025/11/designations-of-antifa-ost-and-three-other-violent-antifa-groups/>.

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