

**Question for written answer E-002650/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The unacceptable ban on Soviet and anti-fascist symbols in Germany and the Baltic states

The authorities in Germany and the Baltic states banned the ‘display’ and posting of Soviet and anti-fascist symbols during the 9 May celebrations to mark Victory Over Fascism Day.

The flawed reasoning behind the decision hinges on the ‘law on freedom of assembly’, a right eradicated by this very ban. Based on unfounded claims, this reasoning attempts to equate capitalist Russia with the Soviet Union, where a different socioeconomic system had been achieved. The use of Soviet symbols is interpreted in a completely arbitrary manner as a sign of support for Russia’s ‘expansionist military ambitions’. At a time when the EU is taking billions from the pockets of the people and pumping it into the war economy, anti-communism and the distortion of History are being exploited to the full.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What view does it take of the unacceptable ban, in its Member States (namely Germany and the Baltic States), on the use of Soviet and anti-fascist symbols at events held around the world to mark Victory Over Fascism Day?
2. How does it view the distortion of historical truth for the sake of serving war propaganda, in which the EU also plays an active role, and getting the people to take sides in the imperialist slaughterhouse against the peoples in Ukraine?
3. Where does it stand on the urgent need to protect the historical monuments of the peoples’ anti-fascist struggle , which are currently in imminent danger from vandalism and other unacceptable acts of desecration by fascist gangs, encouraged by unacceptable bans such as the one in question?

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