

Question for written answer E-004083/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission President's references to 'Macedonian culture' and the 'Macedonian language'

The European Commission President's statements referring to 'Macedonian culture' and the 'Macedonian language' are consistent with the spirit of the Prespa Agreement. At the heart of this agreement, signed by the SYRIZA-ANEL Government and implemented by Nea Dimokratia, lies the strengthening of Euro-Atlanticism in the Western Balkans, while Article 2 paved the way for North Macedonia's accession to the imperialist NATO alliance.

That accession intensified pre-existing tensions. Far from solving problems for the peoples of the region, it was instead a vehicle for NATO's deeper involvement and further rounds of conflict. All this demonstrates that the main intention was never – and is still not today – resolving the name dispute.

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

1. What is its position on the statements made by President von der Leyen on 'Macedonian culture' and the 'Macedonian language', without any geographical qualification, which, in line with the dangerous NATO 'Prespa Agreement', reignite and reinforce nationalism and irredentism in the region, while at the same time the EU is promoting the war economy and competing with the US, China and Russia for control in the Western Balkans?
2. What view does it take of the fact that strengthening Euro-Atlanticism lies at the heart of the 'Prespa Agreement', which inevitably leads to the intensification of dangerous tensions with unpredictable consequences in the region?

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