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Answer given by Mr Reynders
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The Urban Decolonisation Walks project (UDEW) is funded under the call for proposals for European Remembrance 2023, as part of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme. The CERV programme aims to protect and promote EU values by supporting and developing open, rights-based, democratic, equal, and inclusive societies based on in the rule of law. In this framework, the European Remembrance call highlights the importance of mutual understanding and tolerance by raising awareness among European citizens of their common history, culture, heritage, and values, enhancing their understanding of the Union's origins, purpose, diversity, and achievements.

The general objective of the UDEW project is to foster a deeper understanding of our shared history, by addressing the topic of the heritage of colonialism and imperialism and by mapping relevant public spaces across four cities. The project involves educators, civil society organisations, local communities as well as public authorities such as municipalities and city councils, in developing awareness activities that address current perspectives of past colonialism. By involving diverse target groups and diaspora communities, the project ultimately seeks to enhance the awareness and memory of Europe's colonial past, encouraging debate and reflecting on Europe's unified history.

The EU contribution to cover public space mapping activities in Belgium, referred by the Honourable Member, should not exceed EUR 4.000.