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It is the responsibility of the Member States and regional and local authorities to deal with the classified monuments. It is not for the Commission to interpret national rules concerning such matters or to issue warnings or directions in connection with those rules.

In general, the Commission, within its competences, has always been strongly committed to ensuring the respect of the victims and the memory of the crimes committed by totalitarian regimes.

The Commission supports Member States in the area of remembrance through targeted financial support in programmes like the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme¹. CERV supports activities on the causes of totalitarian regimes and the commemoration of their victims under the Remembrance call for proposals, aiming at facilitating the reconciliation process by encouraging discussion, sharing of experiences and promoting best practices.

The Commission is fully committed to using all tools at its disposal to uphold the values under Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union. Through the annual Rule of Law Report, the Commission monitors developments related to the rule of law in all Member States, covering four pillars: justice systems, anti-corruption frameworks, media pluralism and freedom and other issues related to checks and balances. Issues linked to victims of totalitarian regimes do not fall within the Report's scope.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/cerv>.