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The EU is founded on the values set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, including respect for human dignity, human rights, democracy, equality and the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values also underpin the accession process.

The Commission assesses compliance of Ukraine with the accession criteria on the basis of the established framework, including the political criteria relating to the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities. The Commission reports regularly on Ukraine's progress in the context of the enlargement process.

Issues pertaining to historical interpretation, remembrance policies and commemorative practices are first and foremost matters under national competence to be addressed in a spirit of dialogue, responsibility and good relations with neighbours. In this context, the Commission encourages all efforts aimed at dialogue, reconciliation, and the respectful commemoration of all victims.

The Commission will continue to assess Ukraine's overall compliance with the accession criteria, in line with the established methodology for enlargement.