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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission reiterates its reply to parliamentary question P-002838/2024¹, which underlines that it is a Member State's responsibility to deal with the sensitive and complex issue of addressing the horrors and crimes committed in the past by totalitarian regimes. The Commission cannot intervene in matters outside the scope of the Treaties on which the EU is founded.

As regards specifically the access to reparation of Polish World War II victims and their families for harm caused during the war, there are no applicable EU rules on this matter.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2024-002838-ASW_EN.html