

**Question for written answer E-015680/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Statue of Bálint Hóman

In accordance with a decision by the municipality of Székesfehérvár, one of the largest cities in Hungary, a statue of Bálint Hóman will be erected in December 2015. Hóman, a historian and former member of several Hungarian governments during the 1930s and 1940s, was a devoted anti-Semite who played an active part in the preparation of anti-Semitic legislation that led to the deportation and death of half a million Hungarian Jews.

The initiative, which came from a foundation with a nationalistic background and named after Hóman, also gained the support of the Orbán government, which gave HUF 15 million to the city to help carry out this morally unacceptable project.

It is essential to always speak out against the spread of anti-Semitism, but when it is facilitated and funded by a European government, that raises very serious concerns. In the current political environment it is simply unacceptable to use taxpayers' money to commemorate Hóman and his ideologies.

1. As anti-Semitic and extremist tendencies are common European problems, what are the possible instruments of the Commission to fight it at a European level?
2. Does the Commission plan to investigate cases such as the above with the aim of protecting European values, which clearly stand against fascism?