

**Question for written answer E-000370/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fascist salute is not a crime unless a risk to public order

The Supreme Court of Cassation in Rome ruled on 19 January 2024 that a fascist salute is not considered illegal unless it endangers public order or promotes the resurgence of fascist ideologies.

This ruling comes days after hundreds of neo-fascists demonstrated their sympathy to the fascist ideology with a fascist salute in Rome at the beginning of January in a non-related gathering. Such frequent extremist rallies, not just in Italy but also in Europe, must shake us all to our very core and should worry the EU institutions.

Fascism inflicted unimaginable suffering upon millions of Europeans. The European Union, in stark contrast, was established upon the foundational principle of anti-fascism, embracing core values such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and the safeguarding of human rights – values that Fascist and Nazi ideologies sought to dismantle.

- 1 Does the Commission consider fascist salutes in any shape or form a direct threat to the core European values as enshrined in Article 2 of the TEU?
- 2 Are such displays of fascist ideology in line with EU law?
- 3 Does the Commission intent to take concrete measures to protect the EU from such threats?

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