Seimas to discuss possibilities of legal evaluation of totalitarian regimes at EU level

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The international seminar “Crimes of Totalitarian Regimes in Middle and Eastern Europe. Experience and Possibilities of Evaluation” will be held at the Seimas on Monday in order to review the experience of the Middle and Eastern European countries in the 20th century, discuss the possibilities of legal evaluation of totalitarian regimes and find methods to inform society about the crimes committed by the Stalinist regime.

The seminar is held by the working group on the actions of Lithuania in seeking for the evaluation of the crimes carried out by totalitarian regimes at the European Union’s level. The group was formed by the Lithuanian Government. The seminar will be attended by the experts of the EU member states - historians and lawyers, members of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

“The Republic of Lithuania has suggestions of how to establish this process of acknowledgment of the past among both old and new member states of the European Union,” stated MP Emanuolis Zingeris, chairman of the working group.

Lithuania advocates the position that the Nazi and Stalinist crimes are to be treated in equal terms at the EU’s level.

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