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Germany to push for EU law criminalizing Holocaust denial

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[JURIST] [German Federal Minister of Justice Brigitte Zypries](#) [official profile, in German] said at a press conference Monday that Germany will attempt to make denial of the World War II-era Holocaust in which millions of Jews died at the hands of the Nazis illegal throughout the European Union. The plan is part of Germany's [platform](#) [PDF text, in German] for its **2007 EU**

Presidency [EU backgrounder]. Speaking on Germany's plan for justice matters, Zypries stated that "denial of the Holocaust is an example of what would be punishable by law if standardization took place."

It is currently illegal to deny the Holocaust in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Spain. Germany once before pressed for similar EU law, but was blocked by Italy. The *National Post* has [more](#).

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