

**Question for written answer E-000202/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Homophobic online game and measures to combat homophobia on the Internet

Hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation have shown a worrying increase in Spain in the last two years. According to official data from the Spanish government, homophobic attacks are already the number one hate crime. Various associations and citizens have recently reported the existence of an online game known as '*Watch out behind you, hunter!*', where the aim is to seek and kill homosexuals, thus inciting hate and homophobia and contributing to stigmatising the homosexual community still further.

1. Does the Commission believe it is necessary to revise the framework decision on racism and xenophobia to include hate crimes relating to sexual orientation in order to improve protection of the fundamental rights of LGBTI people?
2. Is it envisaged to adopt any plans under the 'Rights, Equality and Citizenship' programme dealing with the homophobia which exists on the Internet?
3. Does the Commission intend to urge the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights to prepare an exhaustive report on homophobia on the Internet and new technologies?