

**Question for written answer E-001340/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to combat the surge in anti-Semitism in Europe

Europe is clearly undergoing a rise in anti-Semitism. Far from being restricted to isolated incidents, in the past few years we have witnessed a growing tide of hatred across countries in Europe. In 2013 the Commission raised concerns about this problem, which has been corroborated by alarming data in a report by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

The terrorist attacks in Paris and earlier anti-Semitic attacks in the EU have left a trail of deaths, which has only increased the sense of vulnerability among European Jews together with the view that they not being protected, as recent studies have also shown.

In view of the above, and given that anti-Semitism is an attack on the democratic values on which the EU is based:

1. Since it has clearly been identified as a European problem, is the Commission planning to coordinate and play a leading role in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe?
2. What is the Commission's view of the proposal raised during the UN General Assembly meeting of 22 January 2015 to establish a global legal framework to prevent the spread of ideologies of racial hatred over the internet?
3. What other specific measures is the Commission planning to adopt to make the European Union a safe place for European Jews?