

**Question for written answer E-001807/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying has become a dangerous trend throughout Europe. In Croatia, every fifth child has experienced some form of violence over the Internet. Violence over the Internet is most widespread among children between the ages of 15 and 16. Obviously, too little has been done so far to protect children and young people, parents and teachers.

The problem of *cyberbullying* is still not being solved systematically because the Commission has not insisted on the implementation and monitoring of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) in so far as it relates to media literacy in all Member States and the obligation to report on the implementation of the Directive. The media industry does not want a critical dimension of media literacy, but accepts only the so-called *e-skills*. None of the Member States comply with the reporting obligation and the AVMS Directive. A prerequisite for effective protection from *cyberbullying* is a bigger emphasis on media literacy within the education system which, along with the education of parents, is a good approach to a safer use of the Internet by children and young people.

What is the Commission planning to do in terms of systematic solving of the problem of *cyberbullying*?

Why has the Commission not insisted on the implementation of the AVMS Directive in so far as it relates to media literacy and the obligation to report on the implementation of the Directive?