

**Question for written answer E-005860/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Data and statistics on gender-based violence

For years now institutions, administrative authorities and women's organisations have been in agreement that there is a lack of aggregated data and accurate, reliable statistics on gender-based violence, i.e. violence against women, which provide comparable information for both the EU as a whole and the Member States. This is due to the fact that the indicators, means of measurement and variables that are employed are not the same in all countries and that the Member States still do not provide complete data.

At present, what comparable data are available to the Commission to describe violence against women in the EU? If the information provided by the Member States is still insufficient, what plans does the Commission have in order to obtain useful information so that the EU and the Member States can be fully aware of the problem and take steps to combat gender-based violence?