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to the Commission**

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Subject: Combatting hate crimes in Europe

Minors continue to be a risk group in 'hate crimes'. According to a recent study by the Spanish Government, 25 % of victims that suffer this kind of attack are under 18 years old. These are physical and verbal attacks motivated by intolerance towards immigrants, homosexuals, bisexuals, transsexuals, people with disabilities, beggars, Semites or believers of any religion.

It is a problem to which we cannot remain indifferent and we must also know whether it occurs at a European level in order to put measures in place to tackle it.

Does the Commission have data on victims of hate crimes in Europe and does it know their age?

What measures does the Commission propose to tackle this kind of situation?