

**Question for written answer E-006770/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: European Day against bullying

In 2012 the European Parliament adopted a Written Declaration on establishing a European Day against Bullying and School Violence. Following this move, the *Smile of the Child*, in collaboration with 16 other organisations, launched an awareness and information campaign on the phenomenon of school bullying, highlighting the need to establish a European Day against bullying. The campaign was launched in September 2013, and signatures were then collected in a Europe-wide petition to establish this event.

As regards the Commission, which is responsible for designating European Days, the European Parliament Written Declaration then received the backing of the Vice-President of the European Commission Commissioner for the Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes, and the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Androulla Vassiliou. Unfortunately, there has been no progress since then.

The establishment of a European Day against bullying, as a symbolic move, will help raise public awareness and mobilise civil society and the relevant authorities in an exchange of best practices and the development of concrete actions.

Given the rapid spread of bullying, as evidenced by the number of cases of suicide among children - the victims of bullying - in Europe, will the Commission consider the possibility of designating a European Day against bullying during its current term of office?