

**Question for written answer E-009812/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Racism in Hungary and Poland

The Council of Europe's European Commission against Racism and Intolerance published two worrying reports on the situation in Hungary and Poland on 9 June 2015.

The report on Hungary expresses concern at the increasing popularity of the far right and at its anti-Roma, anti-Semitic and anti-LGBTI hate speech. However, hate speech is not restricted to extremist parties alone; according to the report, it occurs across the political spectrum as well as in the media.

The report on Poland states that 'homophobic statements are a recurrent feature of political discourse' in the country. Attacks on Muslims on the Internet are also common.

1. Was the Commission already aware of this worrying situation in these two countries?
2. Can it say to what extent Hungary and Poland have transposed and are implementing Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law?
3. Could it promote awareness-raising campaigns in countries in which there is cause for concern?