

**Question for written answer E-012518/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Mechanisms to encourage reporting incidents of hate crime

The EU and its Member States should combat hate crime by addressing the related fundamental rights violations, making these acts more visible and holding perpetrators accountable. Such action requires encouraging victims and witnesses to report crimes and incidents, while increasing their confidence in the ability of the criminal justice system to deal with this type of criminality. Confidence in the criminal justice system and in law enforcement should be instilled in victims and witnesses of hate crime to encourage them to report such crimes.

What is the Commission doing to encourage Member States to put mechanisms in place to encourage victims and witnesses to report incidents of hate crime?