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to the Commission**

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Subject: European project to combat bullying in the EU

BeatBullying, a British foundation, estimates that 24 million children and young people in the EU are affected by bullying.

In 2007 the Finnish Government established the KiVa programme, which eight years on has become the model when it comes to tackling bullying in the classroom: in 79% of schools bullying in all its forms has completely disappeared.

At present Kiva is being implemented in 90% of Finnish schools and has been exported to other countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Sweden. In its first year of application cases of bullying have fallen by between 30% and 50%.

Given that it has itself been endeavouring to prevent, uncover, and stamp out bullying, and that there is a need for measures based on an explicitly European approach, does the Commission intend to carry out a Europe-wide project enabling the KiVa model and other successful experiences to be shared, and will it encourage Member States to apply such a project?

Does it think that the earlier project should be broadened out to encompass, say, the European Antibullying Network (EAN) or the European Observatory of Violence in Schools and that the funding should be increased?

What is the state of play regarding the call made by Parliament in 2013 to establish a European Day against bullying and school violence?