Question for written answer E-002562/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Marie-Christine Arnautu (ENF)

Subject: Statement by the Commissioner for Security on 'violent right-wing extremism'

At the ceremony commemorating the attacks perpetrated by Islamic State in Brussels on 22 March 2016, the European Commissioner for Security expressed concern about 'violent right-wing extremism'. According to him, 'the current agenda focuses on Jihadist radicalisation, but we must recognise that extreme-right movements have a part to play in this radicalisation. (...) Last year, the number of attacks on mosques and welcome centres increased significantly.' This kind of dubious comparison serves to downplay, or even justify, the threats made and the terrorist attacks carried out by Islamists in Europe.

What exactly does the Commissioner mean by 'violent right-wing extremism'?

Can he provide statistics to back up his remarks on the attacks committed since 2011 by what he refers to as 'far-right' movements, far-left groups and Jihadists, detailing the number of victims for each category?

Finally, how can he declare himself satisfied with the EU policy on border control and at the same time state that 'we know more or less who is entering the EU'? This seems contradictory.

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