

Question for written answer E-000493/2018
to the Commission
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Subject: Harmonisation of support mechanisms for victims of terrorism

In July 2017, the Belgian Government adopted a bill providing for compensation for terrorist attack victims who have no insurance cover. Belgium thus joined France among the countries that guarantee effective compensation for victims of terrorism.

In March 2017, the EU adopted a directive on combating terrorism. It provides for psychosocial support for attack victims suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and for improved access to information regarding victims' rights and compensation arrangements. What it does not provide for, however, is full EU harmonisation regarding financial compensation. As a result, each Member State is free to implement its own laws. If a person falls victim to a terrorist attack in an EU country other than their own, they are therefore not guaranteed to receive compensation.

Terrorist attack victims, many of whom are prevented from returning to work immediately by physical injuries or psychological trauma, are reliant on such compensation, however.

Does the Commission intend to propose measures to harmonise support mechanisms at European level in order to ensure that victims of terrorist attacks receive proper compensation?