

**Question for written answer P-010046/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violations of the presumption of innocence principle in Member States

The explanatory memorandum published with the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the strengthening of certain aspects of the presumption of innocence and of the right to be present at trial in criminal proceedings (COM(2013)0821, 27.11.2013) states that violations of the presumption of innocence principle are constantly taking place in the Member States, resulting in a lack of mutual trust between judicial authorities. In the light of this, how many such violations have occurred during the last five years? Could the Commission provide some specific examples of violations?